

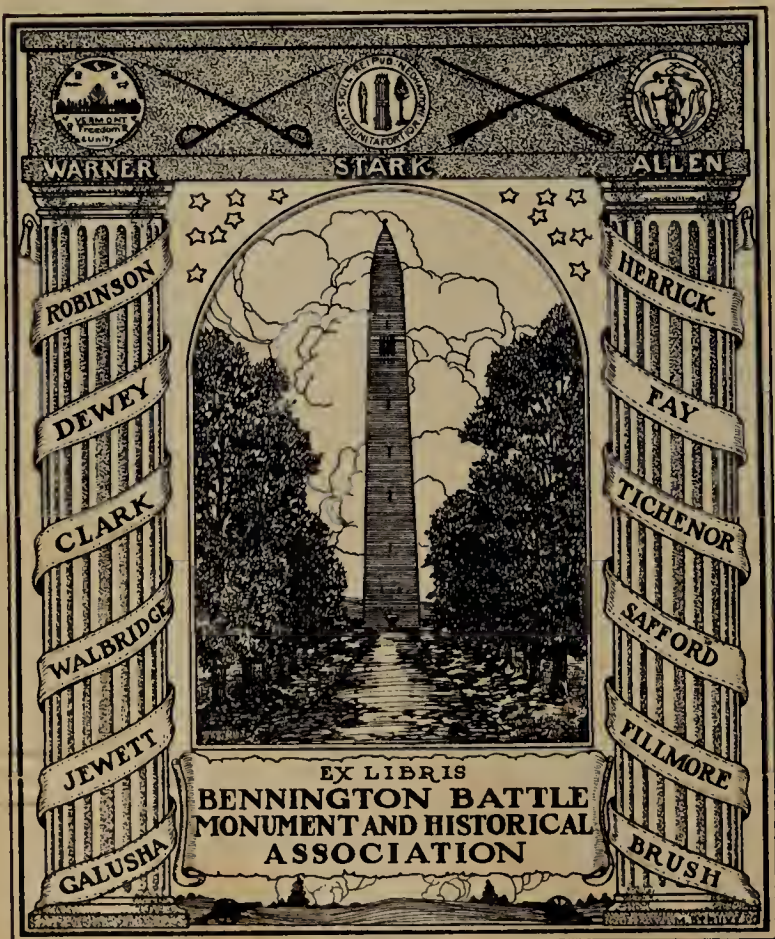
HARWOOD DIARIES

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The Harwood diaries: Similar problems nearly 200 years later

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LAST WINTER I was reading the Harwood diaries, that part which was written between 1806 and 1809. The Harwood family farmed here in Bennington and the accounts give us an insight into farm life in the years following the revolution, as well as an insight into the concerns of people of that time.

Assuming that the agricultural problems faced by the Harwood family were typical of the problems faced by the other farmers, we can say that times were pretty unstable and that farming was a tough business.

Mother England hadn't quite given up the idea that the colonies still belonged to her, and she was raising havoc with the shipping trade on the high seas. This took away the export market for food, and prices for farm products were pretty low, and it was a struggle to stay afloat. Harwood was pretty clear on where he stood. He'd stick it out, work harder, take what he could get for his products, and hang on to independence.

TODAY WE talk about money management and cash flow in our agricultural business, and you could see from the day to day accounts that the Harwoods had a cash flow problem. It seems they couldn't come down to the friendly bank on the corner to get help because he never mentioned a bank. He did have a pretty good credit rating, apparently, because he was forever taking out notes with various people to be paid back "when the cider is sold" or when "the money from the wood came in."

When he borrowed, usually in sums of \$30 to \$100, he borrowed against some future income he anticipated and then worried in his diary about whether the crop would come through and what the price would be.

His financial dealings didn't represent a great deal of money by today's standards, but he had to keep a lot of notes in the air at once. Occasionally he had to go and renew a part of the note. Other times he liquidated a cow for beef, or sold off a horse to make the payment.

While he was borrowing, he also loaned money in smaller amounts, and people owed him for such things as wheat seed, straw, use of his horses, and for letting them borrow his hired man.

INASMUCH as there wasn't much money around for long on the farm, a lot of the business was done by barter. Harwood traded a horse for 5,000 feet of good pine lumber, and as he went after the lumber the quality of the boards was bad, and he noted that bad boards for a good horse wasn't his way of doing business. He traded days of work with neighbors, and days of use of the team of horses, etc. All deals were spelled out.

Harwood was very much aware of living within his means and didn't think much of people who didn't. His brother owed some money to a farmer named Sheldon in Pawlet, and Sheldon was trying to collect from anybody named Harwood it seems. This little transaction was tossed around for the span of the diary, and Sheldon still had money coming in 1809. It wasn't hard to tell that it bothered him that his brother owed somebody and couldn't pay, and he figured his brother ought to cut down on his spending and pay up.

In those days, as today, good fences made good neighbors. Harwood had a neighbor who had poor fences, and he was forever driving his neighbors' sheep out of his wheat field and then going over and talking to his neighbor about how it had

to be stopped. When the neighbor moved, he noted that Dutchmen didn't make very good neighbors due to sloppy fence building.

THE WEATHER, then as now, had a lot to do with what happened from day to day. Almost never did a day pass when he didn't give you the weather and often he predicted the next days weather accurately. They watched where the wind was, and would note the time when the wind direction changed. From what I could see of his forecasting, he did about as well as we do with the 6:30 weather reports. But on a fairly short term basis. He didn't make any long term forecasts, but he did a lot of hoping.

The Harwoods had a big garden, and raised some potatoes to sell. They were apparently big in the apple business. A few people bought "cooking apples" but the vast majority of the apples went into cider which he made. He also made cider for other people, and payed off debts with cider, the blacksmith being a big customer in this respect.

Now and then he'd take some wheat to Troy and sell it and buy some supplies. He figured he always had to sell cheap and buy high and sputtered about it. Among the things he would bring home were some spirits, but he didn't care much for people who didn't use some moderation in their use. He didn't buy on impulse, apparently, because when he went to Pownal to get some lath for a ceiling he had it figured down to 251, or some such number of pieces that he needed.

He kept good farm records. He knew how many bushels of wheat each field yielded and how much straw. He knew how much each beef animal weighed at slaughter time, and how much the meat, the hide, and the tallow brought him. The same went for hogs.

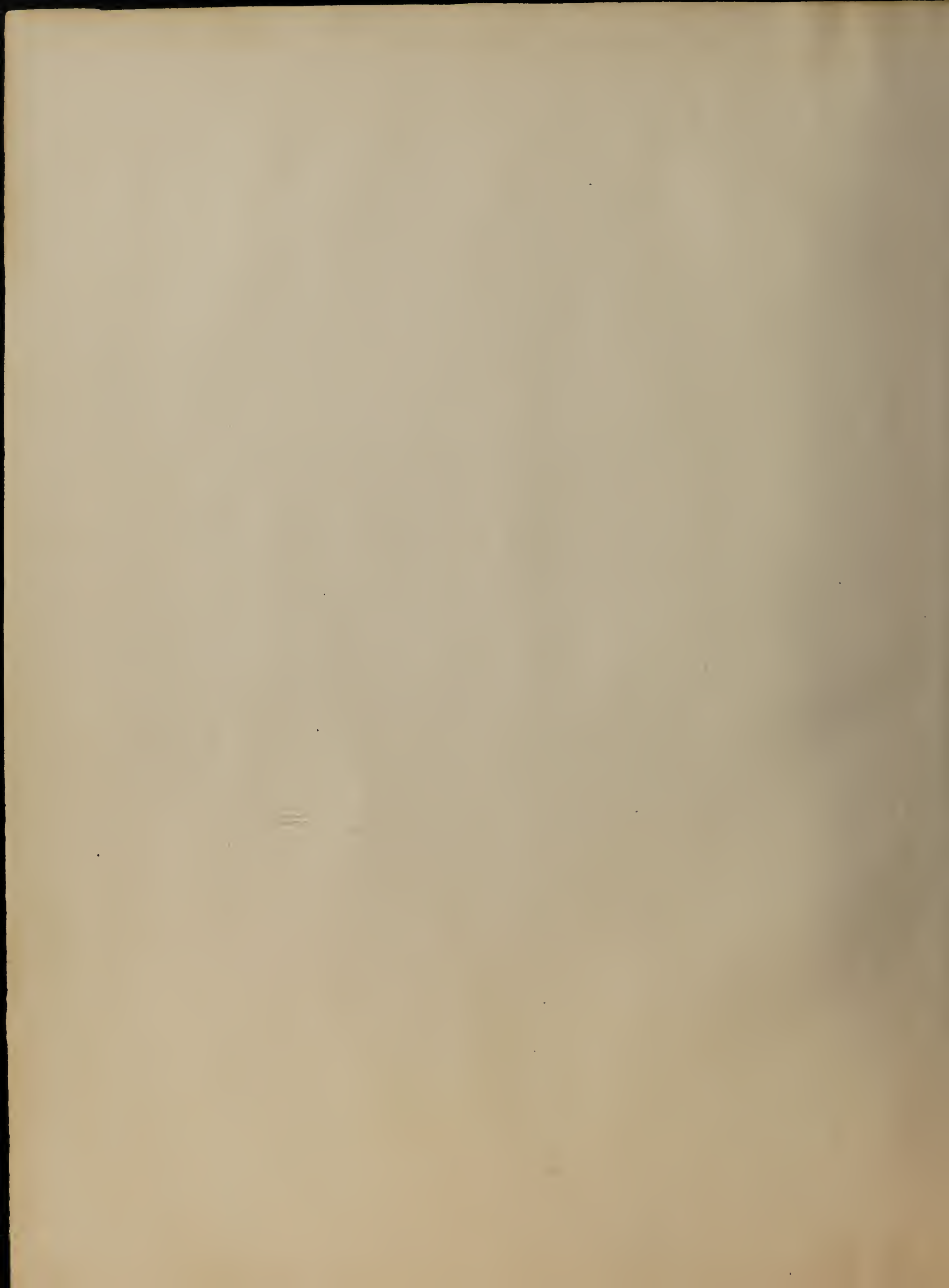
HE ALWAYS had more work to do than he could get done, but according to his accounts he was ahead of most of his neighbors in getting things done on time. He apparently got discouraged at times and noted that the dawn to dark work was getting him down. Then when he'd get caught up, he'd hook up the horse and take his wife and go visiting friends and relatives. They had relations in Stamford, Rupert, and Pownal. People traveling through would keep them informed on how things were going in neighboring areas and letters were often delivered by these folks.

He kept track of his brother up near Malone, N.Y. by these hand delivered messages. One fall he started out on a long planned trip to see his brother, but got only as far as Williston, having run into old friends who side-tracked him and apparently entertained him, as he spent less than a dollar on his planned 2 week trip.

During the fall and winter months it seems that the Harwoods were forever chopping wood to burn. They didn't get up a wood pile ahead of time. They cut it, hauled it to the door, and burned it green. They sold some to elderly neighbors throughout the winter for money, and some to pay off loans.

Two or three people were always working on the farm, and apparently working hard. They obviously didn't earn too much more than a living from their agricultural pursuits and didn't expect much more.

At the same time, Harwood seemed to be confident he could keep the farm afloat until the markets open up again. Then, as now, farmers always believe that better times are ahead.



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MINUTE BOOK

The property of

MR BENJAMIN HARWOOD

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MARCH 22d AD 1805

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March - - A D

1805

Doll ¢ M'

25th Prun'd my Orchard----- 83 "

28th Remov'd & laid 333 Rods Fence -
Hir'd Elija Stone for 6 months at
10 Dollars per Month & agreed to keep his Colt

APRIL

2d Plow'd my Garden in the fore noon, in the
Afternoon Plow'd in my field

3d Mr Stone Begun his six months work

5th I sowe'd my Summer Wheat
Elijah absent from Friday noon till Monday

10th&11th it snow'd I carted Dung from Tan B

12th I begun my Tanbrook Wall

13th Was a very pleasant Day but the
preceding Week has been very wet & rainy
so that I didnt Plow any till to day in T B

14th (Line erased) (not readable)
Apple buds well'd out
Currants leav'd out

April 17 1805

I sow'd my Barley

18th I sow'd my Flax and part of my Oats

19th I sow'd more Oats
Elijah absent from Saturday morning till
Monday noon, my Spring Wheat has
been in sight 3 or 4 days Apple trees begin
to have a green appearance some fears about
a (line cut out)

20th (Line cut out)

29th Mr Stone went to Troy on Monday

MAY

- 1st This day was a raw cold Day
- 6th Mr Stone arriv'd from Hoosack on Monday night
- 8th I took Mr Gates's Cow in to my Pasture
- 11th The Apple trees are in full Blossom
it is now a very wet time -----
- 13th Mr Stone this day Left me
- 14th I begun to plant Corn

MAY

1805

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- 15th I planted my Tanbrook Piece with Corn
- 16th I planted Potatoes around two of my feilds
my Tracy & Tan Brook Pieces
- 17th Rained all day very steady
- 18th Furrow'd & Planted the Sheep Piece with
Corn in the fore part of this day I cut down
a Basswood Tree-mended my fences with it
- 19th Sunday the weather was rather hazy the whole day
There has been a very wet spell of weather of about
3 Weeks back
- 20th (one line cut out)
I planted Potatoes around Partt of my Sheep
Field--planted my Lane field--This day I finish'd
planting-I have planted 23 Bushels Potatoes
It was a muggy hazy day- come up a Shower
just at night rain'd till 9 oclock at night
- 21 Mended the Sheep Fence- set my Bean
polls in the fore part of the day in the
P M the Cap't & I Hiram Cover'd Corn for the
Col'n-the weather this day has been variable in the
mornng it was cloudy, there was no wind about
10 Oclock it clear'd away wind in the N W some
clouds smokey-likey to be a dry spell
toward night it began Cloud up wind being in W
some thunder to be heard no rain- just at
night look'd very likely for rain from the South
about 8 Oclock it began to rain
- 22d Nothing remarkable in my word to day only
Cap't finish'd Gates's Garden & I work'd in my Gar
den--the Cap't lost half a day- the weather
not very good to day, though it was in a fair way to
be so-the wind in the N W cloudy all the morn

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ing in the afternoon we had a smart Shower after that it clear'd away & the Sun shone out quite warm-it having been before pretty cool

23 This morning I drew a load of Wood for Adam Carri'd his Chest to him-mended my Lane fence -in the afternoon I put up & carri'd 3 Barrels of Cyder carri'd it to the stills- I turn'd my Horse's in to my pasture, the weather to day was very warm compar'd with what we have had, in the morn it was some cloudy but it soon clear'd away & continued so till toward night when it cloud'd up & rain'd some in the ev evening- it rain'd But little

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24 This forenoon I mend'd my fence between the Orchard and W pasture. In the P M I mov'd some Fence that stood by the butternut Trees--Pull'd

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MAY 1805 Continu'd

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Stenerout out of the rye-went I got my Horses shod The weather in the forenoon Cloudy- it rain'd about 11 O clock- continu'd raining 2 hours- rather cool but very pleasant all the P M

25th I wash'd Sheep in the Vat at Mr House's Trip Hammer wheel (part line erased) (part line erased) in the P M I went to Pownal- I think my Spring wheatt looks better than any I ever sow'd before- but my Oats Flax & barley look very poor- Rye is about heading out- winter Wheat looks well in general- The weather is was clear & pleasant with some scattering Clouds being temperately warm

26 Sunday I staid last night at brother Stars attended his meeting he took his text in Thess. 5th Chap 9th v The Weather temperrately warm it is a fine growing season

MAY Continu'd

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27th I split Rails A fair day temperately warm

28 I split Rails The weather was clear'd (Line erased)

29th Nothing worth mentioning in my work in the fore part of the day it was cloudy in the P M pleasant & clear till toward night when it clouded up & wind bley blew pretty hard- wind fell before bed time

Corn coming up-- Crows and Squirrels rather mischievous

30th Mended fences- The Oak tree made 160 rails the Capt has lost 8 1/2 days, The weather rather cool Cloudy toward night some wind at night it was so cold that it made a frost

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31 Work'd for Capt Hinman on the Highway & Hiram top rail'd the fence between the Rye & E Pasture- carri'd off old stuff from the bottom of an old fence

June 1805

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The weather smokey & Cloudy- wind blew quite hard just at night but fell after dark from N W

June 1st

I chang'd works with Mr Thomas he shear'd my Sheep while I help'd his boys
---- plant over a piece of corn orto speak more properly field of corn
The weather to day would have been very warm had it not been for the cool breezes from the N W- sky smokey

2d Sunday attended meeting- the Weather warm

3d Began to Hoe the Tracy field in the fore part of the day very warm some cloudy likely for a rain- but none- the P M the same with the forenoon

June

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4th Hoe'd again in the Tracy field half the day- Weather very warm and muggy likely to rain- 2 or 3 showers in the P M in the night it rain'd very hard

5th Finish'd the Tracy field- Jonas work'd for me to day- Weather quite warm same air stirring from the N W- scattering clouds

6 Hoe'd the Tanbrook field & began the Sheep field- Jonas work'd for me this forenoon the weather in the fore part of the day scattering clouds wind in the N W but just at night the wind turn'd & blew from the south very thick clouds- a shower was expected in consequence of some thunder in N, but no rain from that quarter a little

rain in the evening-Black berry briars blowing out strawberries getting ripe Apples are the bigness of large Black berries-it was warm in the fore part of the day in the afternoon it grew cooler the Capt has lost in the whole 11 days

June 1805

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7th Finish'd the sheep field- Wind in the South-cloudy-ale- all day- rather cool it is a fine growing season-the West Mountain makes a very pretty apperance at this season of the year being green from top to bottom. I began to take the Republican farmer 24th of last April this weeks paper makes up the No to 6 since I have took it-- my Corn looks very well- the Broomcorn has ben up these 4 or 5 days

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8 I work'd in the garden in a m in the P M went to town- did some business for Mr Lovett The weather today has been cold Cloudy & rainy in the forenoon it only drizzel'd a little but in the P M it rain'd verry steady fast all the P M & I conclude a great part of the night, Wind in the S East, some of the potatoes have come up & some have not, those that are up ance the most are in the garden (most beautiful apperance My great Apple Tree before the door makes a

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9th Sunday attended meetting Mr Marsh preach'd in the A M from Haggai Chap't 2d 7 Verse in the P M took his text in Romans 1st Chap't 16th Verse. The weather today to day was verry uncomfortable Wind being in the S East very cloudy some rain I understand wind blew very hard in the East part of the town, insomuch that blew off limbs of trees & small Apples in great abundance-I think my Flaz & Oats Barley have come on verry well look verry promise-ing

10th I set the Boys to plowing Fallow, I put in Rails Tan-brook wall with Jonas's help The weather was not verry pleasant it being verry cloudy all day, wind from N W quite cool-in the evening there was a small shower-

11th Worked on the High-way had two hands to work a (torn off) Capt drew boards for Mr Hunt

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wind in N W we had a number of small showers
in the P M, a night a verry heavy dew-

- 12th I sent the Capt to Hoe for the Col'n & I held plow Verry good weather to do business in it being verry temperate a little hazy-wind in the N W till just at sundown when it blew quite fresh from the South
- 13th I follow'd the plow again Capt hoed for the Coln weather about same as yesterday only considerably warmer-
- 14 This forenoon I held plow Capt top rail'd fences in the P M Hoed the Hog-field, The weather this morning quite comfortable but about 9 O'clock the sun beat down verry violently continu'd so till sun about 3 Hours high when it became verry cloudy-likely for a shower from the South heard some thunder-the first cloud vanish'd away without any rain but the next one look'd verry awful & majestic yet there was but a small part of the shower here, the little we had was from a little before Sun-set & --8 o clock. I expect the heft of this Shower was at Wm's town & those around it, by the posin the clouds were in & the sound of thunder we have had showers all around us to day Wind verry fresh from South all day
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June Continu'd

- 15th I let the Capt go to draw boards for Jonas from Arlington I finish'd Hoeing the Hog field Hiram went to Capt Hendryx's to get some clothes cut out-in the P M went to Col's to Hoe-ing, weather verry warm and sultry all day show-er made its appearance in the N W but it so happen'd that it didnt rain here the Showers moved on every side of us with considerable thunder and lightining-wind has been in the S W last night quite a warm night-a fine grow-ing time all sorts of grain and grass grow thrivingly
- 16th Sunday attended meeting, I have forgotten where Mr Marsh took his text which I ought not to neglect the weather in fore part of day some scattering clouds some refreshing brezzes from N W in P M it was verry pleasant-it has been a verry warm day-some thunder heard at a distance- last night verry warm
- 17th Tackled in four Hors's in to the plow and held it after them- Capt went to Hoeing for Jonas the weather has been verry pleasant & also quite warm wind in the N W it is a verry good season for bus-nesso Corn grows amazing for time of the year Wheat is now heading out

- 18th The Capt work'd for the Col'n to day I held plow with the team as yesterday the weather verry pleasantt extremely warm especialy in the fore part of the day when there was butt little wind in motion & that from N W in the P M it blew quite fresh from S W
- 19th The Cap't was unwell to day didn't work any I follow'd my 4 Horse plow-a verry hot muggy day we have had it has ben verry hazzy & cloudy-one Shower appear'd in the north pass'd to the to the East of us with some thunder wind S
- 20th Capt work'd for Jonas to day- I plow'd with the four Horse team This day has been a verry warm one especially in the P M-in the fore part of the day it was cloudy and hazzy in the it was quite clear- this evening it lightened in the South but could hear no thunder- we have had some verry warm nights to along back- wind in the N W
(one line erased)
- 21st The Capt lay by & didn't do anything my work was the same with yesterday Weather in fore part of day look'd quite likely for rain it being a good cloudy-it has been a cloudy hazzy day some sighns of rain- it was not so warm to day as yesterday- spring Wheatt heading out- Wind in S W

- 22d In the forenoon I plow'd with my 4 horse team-in the P M Hiram and I went hoeing with the Col'n & his Boys Jonas all of whom had been hoeing for me in the forenoon to day I finish'd (erased) almost all the Tracy field there being a small piece that we did not finish-Cap't did not work to day the weather to day has been verry cloudy wind in the S W-at noon we had a small shower which lasted a couple of hours it rain'd considerable in the night from the appearance of things-it is a fine growing time abundance of Apples fall off-
- 23d Sunday Attend'd meeting Mr Marsh preach'd text on 119 PSalm 11th verse in a m in P M 49psalm 8 verse Flax is in the blow-I think I never saw Apples fall off, after they grew to such bigness (erased) (erased)-the bigness of butternuts & walnuts it is a verry excellent season for every sort off sort of grain & grass every thing grows verry thrivingly-wheat looks verry promising Throught the country-my spring Wheatt looks better than any other that I have seen- Weather cloudy in fore part of day some showery-quite clear in the P M wind in N W pretty warm my Flax just begun to Blow

The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the plane was the cold. It was a sharp contrast to the warm, humid air of the tropics. I shivered as I walked down the stairs, my hands tucked into my pockets. The ground beneath my feet was hard and dry, a stark difference from the soft, mossy earth of the rain forest. I took a deep breath, the crisp air filling my lungs. It felt like a new world was opening up to me.

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The second thing I noticed was the silence. It was a profound silence, a void that seemed to swallow all sound. I had expected the roar of a thousand voices, the constant hum of life in the rain forest. Instead, I was met with a stillness that felt almost unnatural. I looked around, my eyes searching for any sign of movement. The only sounds I could hear were the distant calls of birds and the soft rustle of leaves in the wind.

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The third thing I noticed was the beauty. It was a beauty that was both terrifying and awe-inspiring. The landscape was a masterpiece of nature, a canvas of vibrant colors and intricate patterns. The mountains were jagged and steep, their peaks shrouded in mist. The valleys were lush and green, filled with a variety of plants and animals that I had never seen before. The sky was a deep, clear blue, with a few wispy clouds scattered across it. It was a world of endless possibilities, a world that was both familiar and strange.

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The fourth thing I noticed was the isolation. It was a sense of being completely alone, a feeling that was both comforting and unsettling. There were no other people around, no signs of civilization. I was the only one in this vast, open landscape. It was a feeling of being the last man on earth, a feeling that gave me a sense of freedom and adventure. I knew that I was in a place where I could truly escape from the world and live in the moment.

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The fifth thing I noticed was the danger. It was a sense of being in a place where anything could happen. The landscape was beautiful, but it was also treacherous. The mountains were steep and rocky, the valleys were filled with hidden traps and pitfalls. I knew that I was in a place where I could get lost, where I could be in danger. It was a feeling of being in a place where I had to be on my guard, where I had to be ready for anything. It was a feeling that gave me a sense of excitement and adventure, a feeling that made me want to explore every corner of this new world.

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The sixth thing I noticed was the mystery. It was a sense of being in a place where there were secrets and mysteries waiting to be discovered. The landscape was full of hidden treasures, of ancient ruins and forgotten legends. I knew that there was more to this world than what I could see with my eyes. There were secrets hidden in the shadows of the mountains, in the depths of the valleys. It was a feeling of being in a place where I could uncover the truth, where I could discover the secrets of the universe. It was a feeling that gave me a sense of purpose and direction, a feeling that made me want to keep exploring, to keep searching for the answers to the questions that had haunted me since I was a child.

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 March 26th Lucy's bed weighs 22 lb 4 oz
 March 27 Weight of the Feathers 15 " 10 "
 May May My Weight chemie
 Hiram-an't-you-asham'd-you-great-lazy lubers
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- 24th June I had Jonas & Adam to work for me to day
 hoed the remainder of the tracy field &
 finish'd the Sheep field-hoed a few rows in
 Tanbrook field- Weather today pleasant & Pretty
 warm- Wind in the N W- Capt did not work
 to day
- 25th Finish'd hoeing for the second time-had Jonas
 to work for me the Capt did not do anything to day
 weather same cloudy in the morning the rest part
 of a m & and a great part of the P M was clear from clouds
 yet it was smokey & hazy toward night it
 clouded same wind in Southe a little rain in
 the evening- it was warm verry warm
 to day
- (Two lines erased)

June 1805

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- 26th Plow'd with Oxen & Horses- the Capt began
 to work to day-the Capt has now lost 16 days
 in all-we had a verry cool day- wind verry
 fresh in the N W- some cloudy in morning
 but clear in the am & part of the P M but toward
 night it was pretty cloudy- verry cold in the
 evening--there was an eclipse of Moon this morn
- 27th This forenoon I finish'd plowing fallow
 I plow'd with my Coat & Jacket all this fore
 noon the weather verry cold & and a good deal
 cloudy in fore part of the day-in fore part of
 P M it was quite calm- wind having been
 verry high in forenoon- the clouds were
 thicker in afternoon it rained a few drops- wind
 quite high just at night but went down again bef-
 ore bed time-it has remarkable cold dayes es
 pecially in the part of it-this P M I drew
 some large flat stones to build a bridge-plow'd
 a little by-the in the Lane- wind in N W

JUNE

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- 28th Work'd on the high way- had Oxen & Horses in
 am in P M had no other team but Oxen-
 Hep'd make the blue hill bridge- weather
 has ben rather cool for the time of the year
 wind in the N West some cloudy- rain some
 in the night -----
- 29th To day work'd on our Lane laid the bridge

29th but did not finish it-weather has been 17
cloudy- a small shower with some thun
der a little after noon- Wind in N W

30th Attended meeting meeting Mr Marsh
took text in forenoon Acts 19th Chap 23d Vers
in P M Matthew 24th 44th verse weather today
something cloudy but the sun shone pretty
afternoon nor was it very warm today as has
been the case for several days back----

JULY 1st 1805 18

I chang'd work with Jonas work'd his time
out on Doctor Fay hill this took up the forenoon
In P M I work'd on my own road mended it
this side of the bridge- did it Turnpike fashion
weather today has been pretty temperate for
the time of the year- not verry cloudy same
smokey wind in the North West

2d This morning Father brought home the Cyder bran
-dy while he was gone away with
waggon & Horses I hoe'd out my Broom with Jonas's
corn after he came home I let Ira go with cart, Hiram
took them

& went to drawing old wood
same that was split out of an Oak tree which
Ames & I fell a year ago last April) which I splt
last March I help'd cut down a Mapple Tree
though I didnt work all the time for Jonas I had
to help the boys load- this mapple Tree prov'd
to be verry tough to split- Ira drew 5 loads
of Wood with his cart & Hiram the same
number with waggon Oak Wood & I
a piece for Jonas--weather to day
has been pretty warm- a little cloudy
some smokey- wind in N W (words erased)

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3d I work'd in Garden in a.m in P M fix'd
my Waggon Racks & a midling warm day "wind in S W

4th The proceedings of the day are too tedious to
mention- wind in S W some signs of rain being
some cloudy it has been a warm day

5th Jonas work'd for me to day hoed out the
Tanbrook field finish'd the Tracy field
I have got potatoes in my garden that
have been in the blow for above a week
those have just begun in field- Weather verry
dry a great want of rain the signs
rain to day wind being in S W pretty
strong clouds look'd heavy & dark

July
in the evening the wind turn'd into N W
it was verry warm this evening.

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but all was in vain
the night was dark and long
and the stars were dim and few

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and the stars were dim and few
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THE NIGHT

I thought I saw a light
in the distance
but it was only a star
and the night was dark and long

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- 6th The Capt plow'd & Hiram & I Hoed the last of our hoeing-my Oats are verry uneven some are headed out some are not-the day is midling warm cool in the evening some cloudy and smokey-
(part line erased)
- 7th Sunday attended meeting- I did'n understand what the forenoon monisters name was- neither did I the P M Minister text in forenoon in St Mark 9th 31st verse in P M Ith Chapter 5th verse weather to day verry warm & smokey wind in N W at night it look'd likely for rain---- the cause of the smokey weather we have had lately is by the fires on E mountain which has done great damage & will do more if not stop'd- verry great want of rain about these times.
The Capt with 4th has lostb 17 days

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July 1805

- 8th This day I began to mow-having got our Scythes ready which was 8 oclock in am Jonas took Irs's & Adams New Scythes & went to Saffords & ground them while this was doing Ira & Adam fixing up some old Scythes & work'd with them till Jonas had finish'd their new ones- he made his appearance in the field betw een 4 & 5 Oclock P M-with new Scythes- I had 4 hands to work to work for me--including myself & Hiram- I cut about 2 1/2 acres grass West of the Barn part of the clover I rak'd up what was on the old ground the clover being too dry-the weather has been hot & smokey & cloudy good deal likely to rain hard just before noon didtant thunder but we had no rain in evening it lighten'd verry sharp thundered from a cloud to the South of us we prepar'd for s shower but we had none this night has been the verry hottest we have this Summer wind blew verry fresh to day S W

July

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at night it turn'd round in N W or it is probible we should have had a shower there's great need of one at this time

- 9th Jonas Adam & Ira went to mowing Hiram & I spread open the cocks & spread the swaths the mowers finish'd mowing the clover at noon in P M Jonas & Adam got in 3 loads of Hay on the old ground did'nt get in only one-windrow of cbver Rak'd & cock'd about half the clover this conclud'd the day- the weather to day was cons-iderable cooler than yesterday or last

evening (being the warmest night we have had this summer) in consequence of wind being in N W every day it was cloudy but clouds didn't look so near like rain as yesterday these appear'd to be some signs rain at night

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10th

This morning Mr Paxton came to work for Jonas I sat him & Ada, & Ira to mowing Paxton & Adam did chief of the mowing Capt's Scythe being out of order they mow'd down a considerable of a piece itn being even with the S E corner of the corn N W corner of Orchard they cut down this & another small piece in South meadow whilet they were mowing Hiram spread swaths & I open'd the hay call'd Ira away & carted in two loads hay in to the stack in A M in P M Jonas came with waggon & Horses (being gone in Am) went with two teams got in the clover which in whole amounted to 11 loads-6 tons-all put into stack Rak'd & cock'd what the boys mow'd in forenoon- weather verry good to make hay-not much cloudy- some smokey wind in N W

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11th

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Got their Scythes in readiness went for mowing had Josephs Paxton & Adam this morning mow'd three or 4 acres in P M Jonas come with his waggon went two teams (which amount'd 8 L strong carted what the Boys mow'd yesterday in am- Rak'd & cock'd what Boys mow'd in am- weather verry good for business- some cloudy but verry scattering some smokey in consequence of fire on E Mt north of Capt Sage's & is doing great damage- I must mention here that what I have had mow'd yesterday & to day is done the verry worst that ever I had any in my life there's some swaths that look like a poor old Hors's ribs To day my Father had a severe fall from his mare in am I sent Hiram after Doctor he came in short time

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12th

four of us us mow'd Jonas Capt Ad -am & myself this forenoon Hiram spread swaths Jonas & I had to leave the Boys & go carting hay got 5 loads on to stack a m in P M By- Boys Rak'd what was mow'd in a m Jonas & I went to carting hay got in 3 loads-for myself I had verry hard P M's work of it stack being pretty high- we have mow'd

25

2 1/2 Acres -Weather verry hot & cloudy
 expectations of a shower-just st night
 there appear'd a verry Black cloud in N W look'd
 likely for a verry hard shower but it
 prov'd to be quite light yet the the little we
 had did great good for we have not any of
 consequence for 33 days it is a verry dry
 time corn leaves rool

(foot note--Capt means Ira Harwood, & Adam Waters)
 (this written in pencil)

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13th

This morning I felt rather out of health
 set Adam Capt'n & Jonas mowing- Capt'n didn't
 mow a great deal-his Scythe not suiting him
 for myself-I open'd the Cocks or I would say
 I help'd Capt do it after this Capt- Hiram
 and myself open'd swaths that Adam & Jonas
 had mow'd- this morning Hiram went with his
 Grandfather (he being his guide) and cut the
 canada thistles- in P M Adam & Ira Rak'd
 & cock'd ' cock'd what was mow'd in a m
 Jonas & I got in 6 loads of hay in to the barn
 with waggon-weather verry warm last night
 as clos in morning verry cloudy look'd likely
 to rain-but became a warm sunshiny day
 The late extraordinary fires that have been
 raging on E Mts north of Cap't Sages
 receiv'd a check if not a final stop by last night
 rain-it is suppos'd Cap'n Sage has lost 1000 Dollars
 by fire (in pencil Jonas Harwood)

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14th

I Attended public worship Rev'd Mr Marsh
 preach'd from this text Chap't Verse am- in
 The weather in morning cloudy look'd likely
 for rain but it soon fair'd away & became
 a clear day tho it was smokey- the fire on
 M'ts livend up this evening-without a stop
 be put it will go as bad as ever- wind in N W
 It has been in my opinion the hottest day
 this year-

15th

All hands went to mowing mowed 3 acres
 in P M Ira Adam Rak'd up what had been mow'd
 in am Jonas & I got in the hay that
 was cut last saturday & two loads
 of what we mow'd to day which-made--
 7 loads we help'd the boys rool up
 This morning the wind in N W
 but toward noon it turn'd in South
 we had expectations of rain a good many signs

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As a proof that it is amazing dry I shall

now dry 28
15th mention that old channel Brook formerly ~~4266~~-it is
which I never knew to be the case before
the fires run considerably to day

16th Cap't Adam Jonas & myself mow'd down
a large piece this forenoon to day and yes
-terday I should judge we mow'd about 6
acres- in P M Cap't didn't work which
made it some bad for us as made us work
pretty late & and we did not so much as we
laid out to only the remainder of scutt
yesterday which made two loads- Rak'd
& cock'd what was mow'd to day
In morning wind in N W but it turn'd
in South and look likely for rain being
cloudy and great many signs of rain
but we have none- the fire rag'd dread
fully on the mountain in P M and in evenin
-g it verry curious to see the blaze flash up
when wind Blew-it caus'd considerable light

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17th In the morning I set Adam to pulling
Flax Jonas went to cradleing Barly
but I had to call them away to waggon
in hay-just before the Cap't had turn'd
over the waggon-I sent him after the
oxen went with two teams got in
the Hay in to the Barn the same as I have
all that I have cut this week- in P M Adam
& myself & my-- & Hiram pull'd Flax
Jonas finish'd the Barly he & captain
to work upon the Rye-the fire on Mts-
still rages it cross'd the Height of Mt's-
the weather to day has been verry singular
in am it was verry cloudy wind- hot & muggy
wind storm in South great signs of rain
in P M the wind turn'd in N W blew
verry high-gave up all ideas of rain today
the ground is verry dry great want of
rain- corn has begun to tassel out

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18th Adam & Jonas went to cradleing Raking &
Binding Rye Hiram pull'd Flax in am Hiram
Rak'd & I Bound the Barley got in two
Adam & Jonas stack'd some Rye but didn't
do all they had cut Capt did no no work to day
the weather to do business in now so warm
as has been for some days past, cool evenings
wind blew quite hard N W
The Cap't has lost 18 1/2 with 4th July

19th Jonas crade'd all day Adam Rak'd and Bound
after him Hiram & I pull'd Flax in am
in P M went stacking Rye
weather to day verry good to do business in has been
some cloudy rain'd in night Wind in N W cooler today than

20th

Jonas & Adam follow'd same business today as yesterday Hiram & I pull'd Flax in Am in P M Hiram was sick I hired Mr Dewey he & I rac'k Rye weather about same as yesterday my flax pulls pretty hard but it is as handsome a piece as ever I rais'd

I have a good a verry piece of rye
my grass turns out well Ira arriv'd from Troy

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21st

Sunday Mr Marsh took his text I don't remember where for I have forgotten weather not much cloudy some smokey every day not verry warm

22d

To day I work'd for Jonas taking Cap't with me Harvesting- Hiram didn't do much but fetch water for them it has been a good day for business the sky was some smokey- Mr Scott's wheat looks well turns out verry well cloudy wind in S

23d

Ira & I Rep't for Jonas again Hiram fethhed water- the weather has been cloudy & Likely for rain wind in South we had a small dash of rain fore part of evening but did not rain enough to lay the dust-people are afraid how their corn will turn out it being so dry Mr offer'd Mr Thomas offer'd Mr House his share of corn for 10 Bushels

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24th

I began to harvest my wheat to day had Adam to hep me the Cap't gave Faxton) out to day-Faxton cradle Jonas) in P M stook'd up what he cradled- this was on the Flax ground in the orchard we stack'd weather some cloudy wind in N W the fires are not stopp'd on Mts nor are they like too it is now 17 days since the first fire broke out which was over by Mr Weeks's this was soon put out it is a little more than a fortnight since Sage's fire broke out & and since the last one on Mt over South E of Mr Hurd's is about 8 days & there are more of them (except'd stop'd

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25th

My Reapers came to to day & cut my winter wheat and the ripest of my Spring wheat. Mr Thomas help'd me in forenoon

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I stack'd all that was that was cut in to large stacks weather to day wind in N W cloudy in

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P M some likely to rain rather cool to day
as it has it has been the case for several
days back-----

26th Work'd for Jonas to day I Rep't in am Rep't
some in P M but soon had to go to go to stack
-ing for fear of a shower which came up
in a short time we had not time to
stack all that we had down- I got complet
-ely soak'd & some of the rest of us also- this
shower was accompanied with a good
deal of wind which injured the whe
-att stacks verry much- had to repair
them again- we had considerable rain
this P M- Wind in N W- yesterday
maddup the complement of 45 days
-s since we have had much rain

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27th Work'd for Jonas in forenoon & consid
erable part of the P M finished his wheat
he came & some of my spring wheat
didn't right up after the Cradle-- my
Spring wheat is verry stout this year
though the heads are not so long as
wold have been had it been for Droug
-ht I rais'd this year little using
off 5 Acres of Winter wheat which
I think is about midling & one A-
-cre and a little over verry good Flax
Wind in N W cool & clear

28th Sunday I Attended public worship
Mr John Davis preach'd took text in am
23 Chap't 39 & 40 & 41st Verses in St. Paul to
Hebrews 9th Chap't 1st V weather cool to day
cloudy in same degree it is that I han't
much this year it being so dry that
it does not ear out well-- (written in pencil "corn")

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29th In fore part of A M cradled the Spring
Wheat Adam & I Rak'd & Bound Ira
went up and put on Rye caps that were
blown off- Hiram carried together
after Ira got this putting on caps- sent
him after oxen got in one small load
Wheat in I stack'd grain the Boys got
in the Wheat that grew on Flax ground
which amounted to 27 Shocks & Shieves
Adam Jonas Cradled Rye- the Boys the
Boys & stack'd it up got in one small
of it- weather smokey dull & cloudy
likely to rain

30th I took my cart & Oxen help'd Jonas
cart in his Wheat he had Atwoods Oxen

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& Cart in A M- but neither Atwood's Oxen
nor mine could stand the heat
so that Jonas took waggon & Horses
in P M- I work'd my Oxen & Atwood

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alternately it took the whol of us to keep
the teams going we carted in 272 Shocks
and some odd Sheaves wheat- it has been a verry
smokey cloudy hot muggy day

31st

This forenoon Jonas & Adam wentt
with Waggon Ira & Hiram went with
cart & Oxen- in P M Jonas & Adam
went to drawing his wheat in which
he finish'd-the whole amounted 406
Shocks I sent Ira up to Mr Norton's
after Jonas's Waggon took Cart & drew
my Flax up to the Barn stack'd it
it was verry smokey & cloudy all day
about 3 Oclock P M it began to thunderr
in N E toward evening began cloud
up quite thick good deal of thunderr
& lighting- Showers come up from
S W by degrees- we had a verry hard shower
err attended with considerabk heat & thunderr

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some high wind
in our late Drought was one sin
gular circumstance & that was the leaves
xxx drying up on the Bald hill--appear
as if fire had been among the Treess

August 1st

This was a rainy day so that I didn't
do any work

2d

My work was rather scattering
in morning went and finish the
Rye mow'd the B a wk in the Rye field
mow'd the swail in Tracy field
in P M we mow'd a considerable of a Piece
in North Meadows
The weather to day was rather cloudy
& dull wind in South East
our late rain has put final stop
to the fires on mountains amounting
around us it has made a dismal appearance on the Trees that
it sing'd

- 3d Jonas cradled the Oats in North Meadow
we rak'd what hay we cut yesterday
it was verry cloudy & likely for rain
which came to pass in night Wind
in South East
- 4 Sunday I was sick so I did
not attend public worship
in moring it was verry warm
it clouded up so that it made it
quite comfortable wind in N W
- 5th I went to Carting Rye Ira & Hiram
sat out with Konas's waggom & Rack
but met with bad luck broke the Rack
so that had to take Cart & Oxen Jonas &
Adam with my Waggon we finish'd the
Rye (which amounted to 158 Shocks
8 Shieves) which happen'd in P M
we also drew in all the hay & 3 lods wheat

- of from 14 Acres I had 158 Sks & Shieves
the weather has been pleasant some
cloudy & not verry warm
- 6th Adam Ira Jonas & myself went to mow
-ing this morning in North meadow
but sent Adam & Hiram away to draw
-ing Wheat- we finish'd the last piece
in N Meadow- Harry Faxton finish'd
my Oats in South M'd-Just before noon
Hiram had the misfortune to get a violent bruise
-ing from my off Ox's heels- in his face & eyes
so that he didn't do anything more to day
Henry Taylor took (he arriv'd on Wednesday last
on a visit) his place which was to pitch Shieves
as for me Jonas & Adam this P M we Rak'd &
cock'd what we mowed in forenoon also
Rak'd the Oats- It has been a good day for
business not over warm our late rain has
made a greay alteration in apparence
of things- there is one thing observable
in the late drought- that is we have had scarce a day
(cannot read)

7th

I finish'd carting Wheat- All from 6 or 7 Acres
I have 135 Shock of Wheat of off from little more
than 2 Acres I have 48 Shocks of Spring Wheat
I let Jonas remainder of South Meadow- he is
to have one 3d for mowing & raking of it
he and his hands went to mowing- Ira & I
after finishing Wheat- went to carting Hay out
North Meadows- begun a Stack after we had
finish'd carting we went & set up the

There is a great deal of work to be done in the way of
the work of the day and the night
it is very much to be desired that
the work of the day and the night
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the work of the day and the night
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in the way of the work of the day and the night

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Oats in South Meadow help'd Jonas some
about his hay but that was verry little
he had mow'd a large piece to day
it has ben pretty warm and some cloudy.

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8th This morn Jonas & the rest of us set out for
mowing but the aweather didn't look rightt
so that we went to carting after I had finish'd
carting my part of the hay I cart'd my Oats
in South Meadow- the Scythe & Rake wer kep't in
motion- so that we got considerable hay
together- This morning it appeared likely
for rain-but it it did not look so likely toward
noon in the P M it look'd quite likely for

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rain- we had a little in the evening
it has been pretty warm & quite heavy
9th This is our finishing day for our haying
the mowing part we clos'd with three
good hearty Cheers we mow'd a small
Swail in Tanbrook Cornfield- carried
all in to the Barn- A good Day for busine
-ss though warm

Now I shall make statement of all my
Winter Wheatt -----Acres----- Shocks
fine 57 ----- 135
Rye 14 ----- 158
Spring Wheat 2 1/4 ----- 27
Oats -----2----- 35

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Flax -----	L	{	Hay	Acres	tons
Barley-----	1/2				
total	26 3/4				
				30	40

10th This morning all hands turn'd out on
a fishing party-Adam Jonas Faxton
John Farnsworth Ira & myself- wee
each catch'd out the two brooks 172 large
& small Trout divided them among 5

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we were gone only aboutt 3 hours in catch
all those fishes- in the P M I carried
my plow Irons to Maj'r Norton's &
got them sharpen'd- We have had
a pretty hot day of it- it was some
cloudy with all-we had a verry pleas
ant Moon light evening the sky being
beautifully diversified with clouds
Hiram has not work'd since he was wou
-ded-my Haying & Harvest has lasted
me including what I have dne for Jonas
Sundays & all 39 Days- my Rye is
verry well fill'd out- the Wheat is aboutt
midling

1. The first thing I noticed when I stepped
 out of the plane was the cold. It was a
 sharp contrast to the warm air of the
 airport. I shivered as I walked towards
 the car. The driver was a young man
 with a friendly smile. He greeted me
 warmly and helped me with my luggage.
 We drove through the city, and I saw
 many beautiful buildings. The streets
 were clean and well-maintained. I
 was impressed by the architecture.
 The car was comfortable and the ride
 was smooth. I was looking forward to
 my stay in the city.

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- 11th Sunday I attended public worship I left
Ira & Hiram at home--The weather
this morning was verry hot & cloudd
-y about 11 Oclock there came a verry
smart storm of hail & rain attend'd

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with considerable thunder- the
wind drove verry hard from the West
the shower was of short duration lasting
about two hours after this it clear'd
off verry pleasant wind in North West

- 12th Ira & Hiram took their respective
Horse teams & went to cross plowing
fallow-& I went to harrowing in
South West corner of the field where
it is pretty tough- in P M I cut wil
-lows- it was verry pleas't in am
not so in P M it being hazy wind in
South West signs of rain----

- 13th The Boys went to plowing in P M
I went dragging- my fallow plow
-s up verry mellow- the weather was
verry cloudy this morning wind in
South West a little before noon we had
a short shower which came from N W

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the wind having turn'd-it continu'd clou
-dy all the P M in evening it clear'd off
wind in North West

- 14th Ira & Hiram took Horses & went to, plow-
-ing Jonas & I went to threshing Wheat
A good day for business some signs of
of rain wind in S W
we have had some cool evenings along
back

- 15th Hiram & Ira went to work at the same
old business plowing Jonas & I thres'd in
the forenoon-winnows'd-got in the P M
the Oats- The weather was verry cloudy
this morning wind in Southard a little
rain P M it drisdled some but did not last long
it remain'd verry cloudy all the P M
just at night wind was considerable
heavy from the South----

- 16th This morning between the hours of 4
8 oclock it rain'd verry hard accompanied
with some thunder- after the shower

Twenty I attended public schools I left
I was a student at school - The school
This morning was very hot & cloudy
- I spent 11 days there and a very
great deal of time in school

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With considerable business - the
with some very good work for the
the paper was of great interest in
about the same time it is already
off some business and in some work

In a letter to the paper regarding
some business and to some business
business I was to be working in
some work and of the same nature
it is very good - in 2 & 1 it is
- it is very good - in 2 & 1 it is
not so in 2 & 1 it is very good
some work and of the same nature

The paper was of great interest in
I was to be working in
- it is very good - in 2 & 1 it is
very good - in 2 & 1 it is
good work and of the same nature
a great deal of time in school

August 1897

The paper was of great interest in
- it is very good - in 2 & 1 it is
good work and of the same nature
a great deal of time in school

In a letter to the paper regarding
some business and to some business
business I was to be working in
some work and of the same nature
it is very good - in 2 & 1 it is
- it is very good - in 2 & 1 it is
not so in 2 & 1 it is very good
some work and of the same nature

After a few days of work at the
old business giving some & I found it
the business - it is very good
the paper was of great interest in
this morning was of great interest in
and it is very good - in 2 & 1 it is
it is very good - in 2 & 1 it is
not so in 2 & 1 it is very good
some work and of the same nature

This morning was of great interest in
a great deal of time in school
the paper was of great interest in

we had a verry pleasant day wind in North West-the Boys went to plowing & I went & thresh'd alone in forenoon in the P M Boys & myself went up to the meeting house where we had a view of a number of Cittizens marching from off the Hill in usual order to the meeting House (the music was two Violins & a Hautboy where an Oration was deliver'd By his honor Mr Ward Barney I shall I relate no farther-- Amen.

- 17th The Boys finish'd plowing fallow 2d time also plow'd (in P M) the wheat stubble where I had flax last year-Jonas & three-sh'd wheat- the weather pretty cool & but few clouds-in fore part of day the wind was in North West But toward night it turn'd in South West

- 18th Sunday I attended public worship it has been a fair day with some few clouds wind in South
- 19th Ira & Hiram went to work with their two teams in the A m in the P M went with 3 horses- they finish'd my Spring Wheat Stubble which I mean to plant next year Jonas & I thresh'd till sun an hour high went up to town-it has ben a cloudy hazy day particularly in P M wind in various directions
- 20th Ira & Hiram went to plowing the Flax & Oat ground (part of which I have laid down) with three hors's in P M Ira went got the Hors's shod I thresh'd part of am-- of forenoon I spent a few moments with Mr Byington & his lady from Wm's Town-in the P M I winnow'd 11 Bushels of my wheat which looks verry plump & verry clean- it has been verry warm day
- 21d Ira took my hors's went to plowing (Jonas having gone to Troy with his) he finish'd the Flax & Oat ground a little P M he then went & plow'd the lower part of my Oat stubble in the South Meadow

- Hiram & I thresh'd some in forenoon we were disapoint'd in not having wind to winnow with, this was the reason why I didn't thresh any more in am however I went on with my work, as usual in P M It has been a pretty warm day-wind in N W
- 22d Ira began to plow the fallow for the 3d time plowing myself & Hiram thresh'd in the forenoon-at noon

I fix'd the floor ready for winnowing- in P M
 I fix'd the Hog pent ready to shut them in but didn't
 accomplish that till eve- there are but few blackberris
 this year owing probably to dry season- we have
 some whirtle berries offer'd for sale by the Woodford lads
 @ 6 Cents per quart- wind in N W till just at night South
 a pretty warm day

- 23d This morning I had I had a very good Southern breeze
 winnow'd with with it I clean'd 18 1/2 Bushels of Wheat
 add this to what I had clean'd before & it will make 42 1/2
 Bushels of as good wheet as ever I saw It has receiv'd
 a verry high recommendation from Mr Attwood
 who is to have 11 Bushels of it for seed-Wheat is now
 13/1 york per bushel-quite warm today wind in South
- 24th Jonas & I went to threshing wheat Hiram & Ira
 went plowing- it was pretty cloudy in fore part
 of the day- in the P M there was some thunder
 heard at a distance- just at night we had a small

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dash of rain-but it was but light-the wind in fore part
 of the day was verry strong in Southbut a bout the
 middle of P M it chang'd into the North West

- 25th Sunday I attended meeting the weather pretty
 warm & cloudy wind in South
- 26th Ira went to plowing Hiram & I went to threshing
 but had bad fortune In breaking flailstrings-so
 that it hinder'd our forenoon work materially
 in the P M I didn't do much better for it took me some
 time to find a place for the straw-However-Ira
 myself & Hiram made out to get off 3 floorings-
 just at night I went to town-the weather today
 has been pretty dull-in the forenoon the wind in
 South-a heavy-cloudy-mugy-air, a little afternoon
 we had a short but heavy shower-after this we
 had a number of showers in succession but none
 near equal to the first for heaviness-with a
 small degree of thunder-the wind often shifting
 its position at night it thunder'd & lighten'd
 considerably- we had small shower-
 we have had green corn for use these ten days
 I feed my hogs with corn butts & all- we
 get now & then a ripe Apple to eat- the yellow
 sweet Apples the most forward of any

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- 27th Ira went to plowing, I clean'd up my wheat
 but didn't measure it haveing it in the heap,
 this morning Mr Carpenter came to me & agreed to
 have 20 Bushels of my seed wheat at one Dollar
 fifty cents per bushel-also Mr Atwood & I agreed on the
 price of the wheat I am to let him have Mr D Walb
 ridge is to have seven bushels of wheat at same price Mr

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Atwood is to give, which is one Dollar sixty six cents
per Bushel after I had done my wheat I took
the Oxen & drew some old fences, to make a fence be-
-tween the orchard & Hog pasture-
it has been a pretty comfortable day as to the
heat-it being quite temperate- wind in N W
verry cloudy all day

28th The Boys went to plowing-this morning I meas-
-ur'd up my wheat amounting to nineteen
Bushels one peck in the P M I went to work with
Jonas up in Stanard's Lot making wall Ira & one
span of Hors's didn't work any in the P M
Mr Eldad Dewey came & took away twenty Bus-
hels of Seed wheat at one Dollar Sixty Six cents
per bushel- This morning the wind verry strong
in South East-we had some rain- Hiram after he
had tackl'd hors's came home thinking it was agoing
to set in to steady rain but it soon stop'd & I didn't

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any more till toward night this made us quit work 50

29th This morning it rain'd verry hard wind in South East
after this first shower was over Jonas & I made an atemp t
to get work at Stanard's Wall, but it began to rain again
so that it broke up work for the whole day-I took my
horse & went to town-while I was absent Mr Atwood
came & took his wheat & left me fourteen Dollars-there
remains due to me 5 Dollars & 33 cents-
It has not kept a continual raining to Day as I
have known to be the case-it came in short showers but
rain'd verry hard while it lasted- just at noight after
the wind turn'd in North West it rain'd verry sm-
-artly-the ground is pretty well soak'd

30th Ira & Hiram went to plowing-Jonas & I follow'd
the threshing business-wind in North W-cloudy

31st Jonas & I went to threshing-Ira & Hiram finish'd
plowing fallow the 3d time in the forenoon-in
the P M they plow'd the wheat ground west of the
cornfield a 2d time-our last rain has given grass
a verry fine start-this Am the wind was in the South
it was very cloudy & likely for rain- but it did
not last long for the wind veer'd round in to
the North West&a the weather became quite comfort-
able all Day though it continu'd some cloudy just eno-
ugh to keep the air cool-- Wheat I'm inform'd
goes at 12/6 in Troy. but it is a metter of great uncertainty

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Sunday I attended Divine service Mr Spear-- Sp-
aulding & Mr Marsh preach'd--
in the morning it look'd very likely
for rain but it clear'd & did not rain any

pretty comfortable day as to the heat

2d I began to sow begining with my Rye-I have sown last years flax-ground & two Acres of my fallow ground- Ira finish'd the greatest part of what I sow'd to day I finish'd thresh-ing the winter Wheat-laid out to clean up-but had no wind-we had a verry pleasant morn-ing but it did not continue so all Day for it clo-ud'd up- Wind in North West

3d This forenoon I went with Jonas to laying wall in Mr Stanards lot- Ira finish'd Har-owing in Rye-in P M Ira & I went to free-men meeting- this morning it thunder'd in North W it rain'd some in forenoon-a pleasant after noon-wind in North W- I have sow 3 1/2 bushels of Rye- the Votes being counted it was found that his honor Jonathan Robinson had 161 votes for Governor for his Excellency Isaac Titchenor 146 ground in in this town it seems by this that Federalism is gaining a Bennington

Date		No Acres	No Bshls	price	Doll	52
	Winter Wheat Sown	42 1/4	18 1/2	38	33	
	Sold for Seed (except one Bushel)		64 1/2	104	"	
	Wheat not sold		8	3	33	
Sep 10th	Whole Reckon'd at 10 Shng per Busl (except 20 B to at 9 Shill		91	145	66	14 p
Sep 26th	Rye Sown		3 1/2			
	Rye for other uses-----		18			
Oct 11	Rye-----		16			
	Ditto-----		6			
Flax Seed 10th	This account is so ambiguous that there can be no dependance upon it next year it shall be done accurately December 30th 1805-					

4th This Day I began to Sow Wheat-I got into the field about 10 Oclock in the morning the method I take to get in my Wheatt is in the first place to Harrow before the (it being plow'd wrong way-that is from North to South) plow and then after the Seed is plow'd in-I brush it over with the Harrow again, I plaister my Whee-at, I kept the teams going till after Dark- it has been a good Day for my business Mr Carpenter took his 20 bshls Wheat to day paid 30 Dollars

Jonas winnow'd the last of my winter wheatt
which amounts too 26 Bushels Wheat-this last time
cleaning up-

5th This morning I got in to the field in pretty good seas
-on-Jonas went with his Hors's-Hiram went w
-ith mine plowing in Seed-Ira went with the
Oxen & Horse & had as much as he could do to Har
-row before the plows-I had to sow pretty steady
in order to keep the teams agoing-I have sown 13
Bushels of Wheat-my ground is in very good
order to sow & it is verry pleasantt working on it as
the dust does not fly-it has been a good day for
my business as I could wish for- in the mor-
ing it look'dd some likely for rain but it clear'd
off had a pleasantt day- wind in North West
it has ben a midling warm day

6th I went with two teams Harrowing (having
got Mr Thursting's harrow) where it was plow'd yesterday
Hiram went with the plow-in the P M after I had fin
ish'd that which was plow'd yesterday I finish
Harrowing the ground Before the plow- it has
been a very good day for my business it was some
cloudy in the morning it look'd some likely for rain

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but it soon clear'd away & became a fair day it was
something warm--

7th plow'd sow'd & Harrow'd for the last day-had Jonas's
Hoss to work-a remarkable fair day, scarcely a cloud too
be seen a little smokey-not so warm today as yesterday
Wind verry fresh the North West-on 12 1/4 Acres
I have sown 18 1/2 Bushels of Wheat-Rye comeing up

8th Sunday Mr Spaulding preach'd- Weather very
Cloudy-wind in South-first of the Wheat comeing up

9th Today I thresh'd out my Flax had Jonas help'd
me- Weather verry Cloudy & likely for rain
till just at night when it clear'd off and been
very pleasant-just at night jonas & I
gather'd some Cherries.Jonas has been threshing Rye two
Days (last friday & Saturday) we clean'd up
the Rye which made in the whole 184 Bushels

10th ToDay I Spread my Flax-in fore part of the day
it was verry cloudy & likely for rain But in P M
it was verry clear & warm Wind in S W

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11th Today I got the timber for my Cyder Mill
and drew it Home with Oxen & Horses Ira drew some
Wood for Jonas with cart & oxen alone- The weather
has ben verry muggy & cloudy the greater part of the
day some thunder heard at a distance in the P M
it has also been a verry warm day

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12th Mr Phillemore sent one of his journeymen to work on the Cyder Mill but when he came to he hadn't got the plan of it, so that I had to send for Mr Phillemore to come and lay out the Work agter this Mr Palmer (the workman) went on with the Work, Mr Philemore went home- I help'd Palmer about the Timber- The Tanbrook field stalks some were cut by Ira alone & some by Ira & Faxcon together- I drew several Loads of for Faxcon today- The Weather has been very Cloudy all Day at night we had a hard shower attended with some thunder, it has quite a cool day compared with yesterday wind has been in the South East

13th Ira & myself drew a couple of large Logs for the foundation of Cyder Mill, in P M Ira & Hiram top Rail'd fence Weather same as yesterday

14th

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14th This morning Ira & I Bound up the Corn Stalks that he & Faxcon cut, Ira & Hiram cut the Stalks on the West side of the Tracy Brrok Field This made a days work for them, I assist'd Mr Palmer about the Cyder Mill & cut the Stalks in Corn Field next the Hog Pasture- did them up, The weather has been quite unpleasant wind in South East- it drizzled some in the P M but did not set in to a steady rain till evening it continu'd in raining till I went to bed

15th Sunday I attended Public Worship- Mr Marsh in forenoon Mr Spaulding in P M- by the appearance of things it rain'd the greater part of last night- it was verry showery Am in the P M the wind turn'd into N W but continu'd quite cloudy-- it was a pretty warm day- I turn'd my fat cattle in to South Meadow-

16th To Day Mr Palmer with some of my assistance finish'd the Cyder Mill- Ira & Hiram cut the Corn Stalks in the Sheep Pasture field this made a days work for them- the weather has been pretty good though verry warm some cloudy- distant thunder was heard in morning wind in N W But in P M in S W

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17th I made Cyder for Dr Swift- we had a considerable of a thunder shower in the Evening-

18th I made or laid up a Cheese for Mr Thomas- Benj & Billing help'd, Ira & Hiram pick up Apples- Weather warm & Cloudy- among the many benefits of our late rains it has made the grass grow verry fast.

19th To Day I clear'd the young orchard of Apples- Jonas help'd me in forenoon- a pleasant & cloudy warm day

- 20th In am gather'd Apples, in P M pick Corn on East side of Tracy Brook-Weather cloudy wind in South
- 21 Gather'd a few Apples before breakfast then Cut the Stalks where we pick'd Corn yesterday in P M gather'd Apples-a cool clear day wind N W
- 22d Sunday Mr Spaulding preach'd Fore part of the day verry pleasant-in latterpart-hazzy wind in N W pretty cool-last eve verry cold some say there was a frost but I didn't see any
- 23d Myself Ira & Hiram thresh'd Rye in forenoon in P M the Boys took a stent of 4 Shocks-I went to town- a Rainy Day began to rain in the night, continu'd till 5 Oclock P M clear'd off wind in N W-this last storm has been pretty cold & uncomfortable-Saturday last I sold the

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- the Doty Mare, to day I sold the Black Mar to Mr Thomas
- 24th I sent the Capt to draw Sand for Mr Abell & Phil'm Hiram & I ground (with the Col'n Mare) 140 Bushels Apples-laid up all except one cistern full-didn't press any tonight-weather pretty cool compar'd with the past some cloudy-a good day for business wind N W light in North at bed
- 25th Sent Cap't away to Drawing Sand-Got in three Hogsheads of Cyder in to the Celler-Squeezed about 15 lb out of the Cheese weather hazzy and likely to rain warmer than yes'y wind
- 26th This morning cut down the Cheese put in two pails of water-got out 17 barrels Cyder water Cyder included-Carri'd 8 Barrels Cyder to Stills-Weather wet cloudy & Showery some thunder-pretty mild weather winds S Jonas sold my ten Bushels Flax Seed for 13/o York
- 27th Hiram & I made Cyder-Cap't help'd my Father gather Ap'ls had the Colonel's Mare-A cool Cloudy Day Wind in the North West-a cold evening expectations of a frost
- 28th Cut down the Cheese Screw'd down pretty well this A M I attended Society Meeting concerning Meeting House Ira carri'd 12 Barrels Cyder to Stills-My Father pick'd Corn enough to make 7 Bushels sound Corn A verry chilly Day & cloudy-no frost last night
- 29th Sunday Mr Marsh preach'd Chilly & cloudy a cold day
- 30th Gather'd Corn in the Sheepfield, gather'd two Cr't Bodies full & part of another-a Fair Day but some Cloudy toward night considerable frost last night but did but little damage Within this Month there has been a good deal off warm weather-it has been a verry good season for grass

- 1st Turn'd the Flax-Capt thresh'd some Spring W
in P M went to Hoeing a fair day wind South
- 2d Today I clear'd corn field in N Meadows of
corn & part of potatoes had the Col'n his Boys
to help me a cloudy Day wind in South
- 3d This forenoon Ira went away so that he
has his forenoon & P M Hiram & thresh'd
some Spring Wheat & clean'd it- in
P M Hiram drew some Rails made part of
Stack yard fence-in morning it rain
in P M cloudy But no rain wind in all di
rections
- 4th In A M 6:46 the Stalks of Nth Meadow Cornfield
in the Stack there were about two Cart loads of Pum
-kins I dug the remaining part of Potatoes in
this field in P M help'd my Father sort some Pot
-atoes-Hiram Myself & Father pick'd a Load off
Corn-This morning Chilly & Cloudy But in P M Pleasant
- 5th Jonas & I with Hiram Gather'd Apples-Hiram carri'd
the greatest part of Baskets to the heap-Ira went to
Arlington to day as well as yesterday-a verry un
comfortable Day-in the morning verry fair
wind strong in South it presently began to
cloud up & look-appear'd very likely for a stea
-dy rain but it only drizzl'd some-it was con
siderable Dark at intervals-last night verry
cold a large considerr front on a board that lay
across the Brook where the water had spater'd
on it during the night I saw ice-

- 6th Sunday attended public worship Mr Marsh
preach'd It has been a prtty windy day some Cloudy &--
wind in N W last night verry cold & frosty this morn
- 7th This morning Capt went to change waggons with
Sam'l Fay Change-waggon-, Ira haveing had his to
Arlingt'n Jonas & Hiram ground And laid up a Cheese
Ira & I Gather'd Aples my Father assisted, The air quite
chilly this morning wind in N W-the fog hung on
the on Mountains-It has been a pretty Cloudy dul
Day- This morning I espied snow on the Mountain
- 8th This morning Jonas went off to Troy with 4 Barrels
of Cyder I sent, Ira with 5 Barrels-with an ox
Team up too Tim Palmer Hiram took care of the Press
Clear in morning but cloudy the rest part off
the day, weather mild- our late cold freezeing
nights has made a material difference in regard
to vegetation Potatoes Tops are dying leaves dropping
off from the Trees & makes a melancholly
appearance

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- 9th Dug Potatoes around the Tan^b Field but didn't finish, digging only one load or 30 B of Bluenose's weather cloudy wind in South some chilly likelihood of approaching Rain
- 10th This morning finish'd digging the Tan^b Pottatoes after the Boys & I went to threshing Rye thump'd out about 9 Sk & 10 Soss this morning the wind Strong in S cloudy it drizzled till toward noon when it set in to a steady rain lasted till middle P M some foggy on M quite calm

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BENJAMIN HARWOOD'S BOOK

BENNINGTON NOV' 1st 1805

Bought at TROY price 25 cents

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- 1st Friday I carri'd Mr Phillemore & Mr Abel's Cyder to them. P M gather'd Apples Jonas Hiram Chop'd Wood up W of the Lime Kiln on an Oak Tree. The weather to Day warm & Cloudy, had a small dash of rain-heard distant thunder-air a little smokey the last of our snow left us to Day
- 2d Saturday Hiram chop'd on the Oak in Am-in P M he assisted Jonas about making his Cyder In forenoon I thresh'd Corn Mr Thomas had a grist out of it-the P M I spent in doing errands-among the many that I did I went to Capt Hendryx's did some business with him-The weather verry pleasant for time of the year-in A M quite warm but in P M wind blew up fresh from N W so that it was considerable colder
- 3d Sunday I Attended public worship Mr Marsh preach'd-Weather pleasant some Cloudy- wind in N W -had a pleasant moon-light Evening Trees are generally stript of their Verdure save ever Greens

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- 4th Monday-this forenoon spent in drawing manure on to the Flax & Oat ground which I mean to plow next year-dug up my Garden sauce in the intervals-that is between one load & another have -ing but one Cart-in P M dug sauce as in the A M Hiram drew two loads Wood for Adam Not verry cold-tho chilly in evening-some Cloudy wind N W had a pleasant Eve
- 5th Tues'd Shovel'd manure in forenoon in P M Mr Thomas & Hiram dug out 9 load Dung such as my Oxen draw- Whol No Loads 13- this P M I thresh'd 36 Shieves Spg Wheat-had a Windy Cloudy Day considerable Chilly at night & in morning wind N W-the has not eve comfortable
- 6th Wed Y Mr Thomas & Hiram got out 14 Loads manure I went to Mill carri'd 4 Barrels Cyder to Mr Abel toward night I cut & Drew up a small Load of Oak Wood The weather was by wind no means pleasing it being Chilly the wind blew

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- by unsteady whirls from N W Cloudy-just at night it began storm-first by rain & then with snow which lasted till about 9 Oclock the wind abated after it began to storm
- 7th Thur'y Mr Thomas & myself shovel'd 15 good Load of manure-Hiram drove team- Had Jonas old Horse on before the Oxen

- 7th Not a cloud to be seen in A M but it was a good deal Cloudy in better part of P M & in Eveng This morn'g the Air was verry keen-the ground frozen Stiff & hard & it was so cold during the Whole Day that where the Sun cast a shade it not tha -w any-the snow that fell this last night scarcely whiten'd the ground
- 8th Frid'y In the forenoon I finish'd carting Manure places re I have carted about 40 loads manure from barn and other the ground was frozen quite hard this morning nor did soften verry much during the whole day -the weather has been pretty cold & Cy loud wind Blew fresh from N W

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- 9th Saturday In Am I ground my New ax- fix'd my windows- in P M drew a couple of loads one for myself and one for Adam-the weather was verry Chilly tho' not so cold as it was Yesterday- the wind blew steady South East Cloudy-after dark it began to storm
- 10th Sunday did not to Meeting to Day-The Weather was very calm & foggy on the Mountains-toward nig -ht the Wind began to Blow pretty brisk from N W which made it verry Chilly-I suppose a considerable quantity of rain fell last Night
- 11th Monday This morning Carried some Bed Stead stuff to Mr Fied-also Barrel Cyder to Mr Phillemore in P M pull'd turnips-Hiram drew load of Wood which he cut in A M-Pretty cold in the morning & frowzen but in the weather in latterpart of the day pleasant tho' hazy
- 12th Tuesday Tjis forenoon I assisted Jonas about geting his Cyder Home-he has now finish'd making Cyder for me-He takes every 4th Barrell for making

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- the whole ie for gathering & grinding the Aples I find Horse (he began to make Cyder on the th of) in P M I drew up some wood-1 load for Jonas the weather was Cloudy & warm smokey
- 13th Wednesday Today I fill'd Hogshead in the Cyder celler did some otherthings in A M in P M I went up to the meeting House-spent the P M in town- Mr Thomas & Hiram got out several loads of Chip Dung & drew a load of wood for Adam-the weather was warm Cloudy & smokey had a small Dash of rain at night wind Southardly
- 14th Thursday I thresh'd all the Corn that was laid up in the Barn but did not clean it up-Mr Thomas & Hiram drew out to Day & yesterday about 25 loads Chip manure

in all make about 65 loads on to about 2 Acres yet there is a small part of that 2 Acres that lacks about a dozen loads- Early in the morning it rain'd but after this it didn't rain any of consequence- Cloudy & mild for time of the year-wind strong in S or S E ments- Caot Hendryx came early this morn'g&cut out a number of gar,

- 15th Friday I went & ground my Axe in order to go in to th 6 Wood but it rain'd so I didn't go-I put my Barn in order-in the P M I carri'd the ladies to see the New Meeting House-This morning & in the night it rain'd quite hard& rain'd some in forenoon this storm came from South East-at night the wind turn'd & rain'd pretty hard from N W-We are plentifully suppli'd with water our Brook is now about hight as it is in middle of May
- 16th Saturday I had no settl'd business sometimes doing one thing and sometimes another Mr Thomas & Hiram cart'd Chip manure away from my Door-finish'd the flax & Oat ground in N Meadows which took about 80 loads -had a very pleasant monning- but the P M was squally but no snow
- 17th Sunday Attended Meeting this morning there small flurry of snow on the ground-frozen but little raw squally Day-Storm'd in the Evening from S W Cold nights & mornings I foder the Cows & stable My Oxen-----

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- 18th Monday morning I went to see Mr Loomis about buying a Pew (this being the Day appointed for selling the Pews)with me but he-decln-declined- I attended the vendeu & bor't pew no's 19th at 70 Dollars without a partner- Mr Thomas & Hiram got out 8 loads of Chip manure from my oor Carri'd it on to the Triangular field-drew one load of Wood for Mr Thomas-the weather was cold & uncomfortable-The wind blew very bleak from N W Cloudy- a small flurry of snow fell last night-
- 19th Tuesday forenoon Myself & Hiram drew a couple of loads Wood in P M drew some Straw over to Mr Thomas's Barn-last night verry cold ground frozen hard the weather was tedious in morning but the remain -der of the Day pleasant & warm-
- 20th Wednesday To Day Ira went with Oxen & his mare & drew 5 loads of Wood from the hollow W of lime kiln Myself & Hiram chop'd-This wood is compos'd of birch & beach Saplings which were thrown by the great snow in October 1804-in forepart of the Day snow'd con

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from South West-latter part od day mild but cloudy the snow that fell to Day made much better sledding

- 21st Thursday Ira drew Wood with Jonas's horses
I chopp'd in same place where I did yesterday with Hiram
Jonas had my Oxen- the air was chilly & verry cloudy tho
the day-the clouds hung on the mountains-the wind in N W
This morning I took the calves of from Wheat field
at night I fodder'd all my cattle their Number is as
follow 8 Cows including Mrs Streets Cow-1 three year o'd
7 two years Olds 5 yearlings & 6 Calves-one yoke of
Oxen 6 Horses- 29 Sheep who are still in their pas-
ture-all in a thriving condition
- 22d Friday Morning I drove two Beeves to Church & in h
Abel Mr Abel's weighed 547 lbs Mr Church's 519 lbs I staid
town the whole Day but little or nothing done at home
I suffere'd great inconvenience from the cold
verry cloudy & cold-the ground frozen verry Stiff
There's a continual fog on the Mountains- Wind N W

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- 23d Saturday I chop'd & Hiram went with the team 9
drew 4 loads of Wood from W of Lime Kiln-Ira did
not help me Jonas had a Beef of me to Day which been
weighs 518 lbs-the weather continu'd verry much as it had
tho some warmer- we have scarcely seen the Sun
since last Tuesday it has been so Cloudy-wind in N W
- 24th Sunday Attended Meeting-this morning the clouds
were thin & broken-seem'd likely to clear off but the
day prov'd to be a gentle stormy one-but added little
to the snow already fallen which of itself is very trifling
some part of the Day wind blew from N E-but at night
in N W & it was some thawy to day the was mild
- 25th Monday part of the Day I snak'd out Wood-but
latter part of Day I sleded wood 3 loads-this morning
it was verry slippery cold & cloudy but toward the latter
part Day Sun Shone out which was a verry pleasing sight
& thaw'd the ground considerably- for several Days past
the air has been still chilly & Cloudy-the tops of Moun-
tains have been crown'd with ~~gax~~ fog, which left the

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- the trees whiten'd with snow which made a verry 10
pretty appearance- The wind Blew up pretty strong
from N W
- 26th Tuesday I drew ~~xx~~ 3 loads of Wood from (N W) East
part of the Sugar place- Shod the Sled Ira
thresh'd Spring Wheat in fore part of Day Cloudy
but in the afternoon clear'd away & the Sun Shone out verry
pleasant & warm-thaw'd the top of the ground consider-
bly-in the eve' a little snow fell in am w-So'th
in P M N W
- 27th Wednesday the principal part of my work in
the Am was to take off a Cheese which Jonas had
left on the Press-in the P M I attended a mee-

ting of the meeting House society-they appoin
 ted Mr Marsh to preach the dedication Sermon
 Hiram chop'd wood at the Door-in forepart
 of the Day cloudy after warm and pleasant- the ground
 slightly frozen last night & water that stood in tubs
 in open air was but just skim'd over-the weather
 has pretty warm to Day- South wind blew hard in night

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28th Thursday Today I Butcher'd 6 Hogs-Capt Norton 111
 Mr Thomas Jonas Ira & Myself were employ'd in the
 business-the Hogs dress'd in the forenoon-the weight
 of my swine are as follows-the heaviest weighed 243 lbs
 225-224-199-198-184 lbs-I let Jonas have 224 lbs pork
 and Ira had 20¢-the whole of my pork added together
 maks 1273 lbs in P M Capt Hiram had two live Shoats weiged
 for him one of which weigh'd 104 lbs the other 101 lbs
 I did but little this P M-in evening I cut up my pork
 By the appearance the ground made this morning
 a considerable quantity of rain must have fallen
 the snow was carri'd off from the low grounds yester
 day but remain'd on hills & mountains till the Rai
 n carri'd most of it off in the night the frost has left
 the ground-we had a good day for our business-Cloudy
 in forenoon not much wind in P M pretty midling
 clear wind strong in North West-cold in the evening
 I must heremention that I began to fatten my
 Hogs some time in August-I have sold 4 Shoats
 this fall 2 to Capt Hinmin 1 to Mr Thomas to Adam at 2 1/2
 lbs

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29th Friday the whole Day I spent in laying away my 12
 Pork in Am Hiral went mill in P M he & I
 went late in the P M to Choping- it may be
 proper to mention here that Ira & his bride resides
 at my Father's House and that he works occasion
 ally for me-but is to cut wood for one fire place
 The ground some frozen this morning but it w
 as soon thawed the snow entirely disolv'd to Day
 in A m pretty clear but A m Cloudy- it has been
 warm for the season wind verry strong in South

30th Saturday I work'd for Jonas helping him get his
 wood down the Mountain my oxen work'd hard
 to day-the weather was verry clear in forepart of
 the Day but in P M Cloudy & likelihoods for rain
 a verry warm Day for the season wind verry
 stormy in South in the evening rain'd some

- 1st Sunday I went meeting Mr Marsh preach'd
the weather was pretty chilly with wind strong
North West tho' it didn't freeze any till evening Som
Cloudy
- 2d Monday Myself Jonas Mr Thomas Josephes & Hi
ram-drew out cut & pil'd wood in South West
part of the Wood lot near Mr Streets pasture
this wood is compos'd of trees that were thrown
down by the snow that fell about 9th of October
1804 of which there is abundance-my Oxen labor
very hard to Day drawing logs & smaller wood
not being much used to it-my wood lies (that which is in pile)
in several detach'd Piles-This morning the weather
seem'd to menac'd a storm the clouds look'd Red
verry calm a little while-but the South wind soon
blew up pretty stiff till night when it chang'd
N W-the top of the ground frozen considerably
last night-but thaw'd again to Day-for the air
was quite temperate some part of the day

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Tuesday I work'd at the same business & had
the same the- hands (excepting Ira who didn't for me
yesterday) that I had yesterday but I didn't get so
much wood together as I did yesterday it bein
-g chiefly small scatter'd about-the day was verry
fair & pretty cold or cold-wind N West-the evening
butiful the Moon shone Very bright-the
air was pretty keen & still

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4th

Wednesday I work'd for Jonas on Mount pleas
ant as he calls it- Mr Thomas Jonas Ira & Hiram
also Mr Elija Stone half the day- my near ox had
the misfortune as he was delivering a couple of small polls
one of which was sliver'd at the end next to the
Ox so that when he came to draw-he stuck one the
se slivers into his foot- We exerted ourselves to get
it out bu hand but it being so near night we gave it
up till morning- The weather was warm for the
season- Cloudy & likelihoods for rain- tho in the
morning the the ground was verry firm the air was
verry keen-last night was tho't to be a colder one

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than we have had since last winter- I fodder'd my
young Cattle-which is thing I have not done for several days
back the weather being moderate- wind in South
pretty strong

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5th

Thursday Public Thanksgiving- early this morn
Mr Thomas, Jonas-Ira-Adam-& Father assisted me in
casting the ox- Adam produc'd his pinchers-Harry drew
out the Sliver from the Ox's foot-I attended public
worship Mr Marsh Preach'd, it was cloudy & likely

for rain- wind pretty strong, in South West weather
temperate- this morning the ground was found
to be but slightly frozen it began rain in the evening

- 6th Friday I went on to Mount pleasant accompani-
-ed by Mr Thomas, & order'd Hiram to follow with
the Cart & Oxen, which he punctually obey'd- but
soon after Mr Thomas & I had arriv'd at one place
of destination it began to rain- so that we quit'd our
work & went home- Hiram missed of us & pursued
his way up to the wood but soon return'd no m-
-ore work was done to Day- I went to town on business

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(Saturday) Friday continu'd- It rain'd considerable 16
in the night but was calm in morning- but
toward noon it set in to a verry steady rain which
lasted till after I went to bed- wind in South West

- 7th Saturday Jonas & I put the Cyder Mill under
cover- at night I put up or stabl'd my Cows- have fodder'd
out little else but Corn-Stalks to my Cows but the are consum'd
it was smokey & verry cloudy the wind had turn'd into
N W in the night & kept a steady breeze the whole day
the cold moderately increasing- it storm'd some in evening
it appears from the rise of the Brook that a great quantity
of rain has fallen in our last rain

- 8th Sunday I heard Mr John Davis in am Marsh P M preach'd to Day
the weather was considerably cloudy & chilly wind strong in
north West- the wind blew pretty stiff from that quarter in the
night- the ground began to freezee some this eve-

- 9th (Mountain) Monday I work'd on Mount pleasant for Jo-
nas- Hiram- Jonas had my oxen who work'd quite hard

(Footnote) N.B. My oxen I have kept upon Hay Chiefly since
the were stabl'd

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it was verry bleak day & cloudy till just at night the 17
wind blew high from N W

- 10th Tuesday I had Mr Thomas Hary Faxton Ira Hiram &
Josephus to work for me to Day- getting up old wood in Lime
Kiln hollow & there about- Last night verry cold this morning
the ground was frozen firm- the wind strong in North West
considerably Cloudy.

- 11th Wednesday Myself Ira & Hiram work'd for Jonas on
Mount Pleasant (which I shall soon describe) in com-
pany with Mr Thomas Faxon & Black Joseph-
-us- Jonas had my Oxen to work to Day- now I will try
to describe Mount Pleasant- This famous Hill is the
third ridge as we advance westward from My
Sugar place- on the eastern part of the Mount that

is clear'd up-is a verry sharp ascent-here the Tan
brooker roll down & pile their wood which they
before cut & draw to the edge of the precipice- here the
larger logs go down with amazing velocity-they have
now got a large pile at the bottom of the Hill-at the top

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er part of the clearing it is swampy ground-they have
clear'd up toward an acre of ground-the land belongs to Mr
Streets-Mr Street sells the wood to Adam Mr Thomas
Faxon & Jonas- the Day was remarkably clear
pretty cold especially in morning wind N W

12th Thursday I work'd for Jonas assited him in getting up old
Wood on Col'n Robinson's of whom he buys it- Josephus work'd
for Jonas- Ira work'd for me, Jonas had my Oxen
the weather quite warm for the season the air some
smokey the sky o'er cast with thin clouds wind S W

13th Friday Jonas & I work'd at the same business & on the
same ground where we did yesterday Mr Thomas
with us in the P M- Sephus & Ira thresh'd Rye
for me in P M a pleasant warm Day with some few
Clouds wind strongs in S West

14th Saturday it was so stormy to day that I did no bu
siness more than to go into town-did some business
there with some gentlemen (whom of) with whom I
have dealing-I arriv'd at home a little before night

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I went & help' Jonas work his road to his wood 19
-it rain'd pretty hard this morning & afterwards in
several showers that fell during the forenoon & part of the
P M but just at night it ~~rained~~ seem'd to be clearing off
wind veer'd about from S W to N W weather warm

15th Sunday I attended Meeting as usual-Mr Marsh preach'd
Mr Amos Peabody aged 54 was buried to day- Cloudy bleak
weather tho it did not freeze any wind North West

16th Monday I help'd Jonas draw out wood flying clouds
from N W-cold & (some) some snow fell this morning
ground some frozen-should have mention'd that ~~this~~ Hiram
-am began to go to School last Thursday to Mr Mil-
-len who the district have employ'd as preceptor of the
School

17th Tuesday I went with Harry & Jonas down to Mr
Thom's to get out some hearth Stone but did not get any
I arriv'd at Home about the midle P M -
pretty cold & clear in the morning but it soon clouded
up & look'd likely for Snow wind N West

- 18th Wednesday I help'd Mr Thomas-Kill'd his Steer-also drew some wood for him- Cloudy with whole day Wind in S W -the top of the ground thaw'd some
- 19th Thursday I assisted Jonas about getting out Wood on Col'n Robinson's land Ira work'd for me to day- my oxen were in Jonas's service also-warm for the season cloudy-wind strong in S likelihood of rain
- 20th Friday in P M I attended Courto-paid my Town & State taxes- the whole amount was nine Dollars & twenty three Cents- we had a verry smart shower of rain this morning & I suppos'd it rain'd consider-able part of last night after the Shower, it was more pleasant tho Cloudy- the air quite temperate at night the wind blew pretty heavy from N West
- 21st Saturday I cut & split an old Oak stub (Sephus the black man felled it about ten days or a fortnight since) that lay near the Tan-brook Woodpile beside this I cut out some other wood-flying clouds from N W pleasant the air temperate.

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- 22d Sunday I attended divine service Mr Marsh preach'd 21 The ground was frozen a little this morning the Clouds were red-the wind blew fresh from the South all Day many signs of rain-the weather temperate- the Road are verry passable which is a rare instance when the ground frozen at this season of the year
- 23d Monday I dug some Stone, mended the wood Road and went down Mr Tomas's to do some business for Mr Duncan-the weather verry pleasant-tho' in the morning it was some snow squally-no frost in the ground at present wind N W-
- 24th Tuesday I let Ira take my Waggon & Horse to move Mr John Duncan & his family- from the West part of town, in to Mr Lomis's old Hunt House -I drew 3 loads of Wood, from the western part of the Wood -lot near the wee-d- lime Kiln The weather took a remarkable turn in the night this morning the ground was cover'd with snow-snow 'd pretty fast in the morning-the rest of day was stormy & pretty windy-in the evening the

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- wind blew pretty strong from N W & storm ed considerably
- 25th Wednesday I drew 5 loads of Wood from Robertons land with my oxen- this Wood I get of Jonas in lieu of what I have before let him have- midling cold

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Sunday 5 Jan. I left for the
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Tuesday 7 Jan. I left for the

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Friday 31 Jan. I left for the
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Saturday 6 Feb. I left for the
Sunday 7 Feb. I left for the

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very comfortable winter weather-it was pretty Cloudy
this morning-it prov'd a pleasant day I suppose the
snow to be about 4 inches in depth

- 26th Thursday I drew Wood from the place that I
drew from yesterday- I got up 5 loads to day- I fodder'd
my Sheep for the first time last night I mean for
this season- Cloudy in a small degree but verry com-
fortable working Weather
- 27th Friday Ira & I 3 load of Wood -two loads in the
forenoon-in P M beside getting a load of hay in to
the Horse Barn & Cleaning six bushels of Spring
Wheat- The sky uncommonly serene this the whole day
in the morning it was intensely cold & the trees were
whiten'd by the frost-in the latter part of the day the air

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was quite mild-tho there is but little snow on the ground
at present-yet the pleasure Sleighs go pretty brisk wind NW

- 28th Saturday morning I arose earlier than usual had my
Sleigh tackl'd by sun an hour high-waited on Mrs Harwood
and Mrs Ames out to Hoosac falls-I found the people all
in good spirits-I should have mention'd that Sister Lucy
made a part of my load- bad weather made me hasten
back with worse Sleighing if possible than I went with
-tho at best it was verry poor-on my return home I
was overtaken by a considerable rain-however I reach'd home
without any accident The weather bore no good omen
of fair weather for the wind blew verry ffresh from
South in the mornening it was warm & rain'd
moderately all the latter part of day-in the evening
the wind blew verry violently & rain'd verry hard
-As there was no School to Day Hiram prov-
ided some fire wood & went to Mill-& Ira Chop'd
up a pretty good Share of his pile-
- 29th Sunday I didn't attend public Worship to Day
It rain'd verry violently-the wind was amazing

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from S E & this the whol night-but seem'd to ab-
ate in the morning-it was verry rainy all Day &
the snow left the ground except in small banks
before morning-our brooks are verry much sw-
elled by this last rain

- 30th Monday I set up a Rack in the Barn Yard
& put several pieces of fences in order that had
blown down by the late Wind- the ground was
slightly frozen in the morning the whole the weather was
quite temperate it bore a near resemblance to Spring
tho there was nothing growing
- 31st Tuesday To Day Mr Duncan & I mended up
the House in several places-It was rather
bleak day the wind pretty Stiff in N W- Cloudy

very important thing to remember is that the
the following points are to be noted
this is the first of the points to be noted

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1. Wednesday This day our New Meeting House was solemnly dedicated to the L O R D by the Revend Daniel Marsh he took his text from 2nd Sam 24 ch 24th & 2ndChron 7 chap 5th verse he also read the V I Chap't of 2 Chronicals which preceded his Sermon- there were some verry beatifull Odes sang by the Choir- I believe Mr Marsh's Sermon met with Universal applause from a verry crowded audience which I should judge from the opinions of others & my own that there were about 1400 persons present- Messrs Abel & Philemore began to build this edifice on the twentifith day of June 1804 & finish'd the same on the 31st of December 1805, the cost of this building is estimated at eight thousand Dollars It was a pleasant day for the season tho it was some chilly & Cloudy the ground pretty firmly frozen wind S W Elder Stark & his Lady tarried the night at my house & I Stabl'd his Span of Horses.

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2. Thursday Myself & Mr Duncan Kill'd a Cow whose weight was 696 lb She had 87 lbs tri'd Tallow - The keeping od this Cow as I have reckon'd it-comes to 15 dollars She formerly belong'd to Mrs Street- I swap'd with her giving her a smaller Cow in lieu of the one she own'd before, the difference was 3 dollars which I paid Mrs Street- The weather this morning was verry windy & cold the ground frozen firm-it was more temperate toward to ward night flying Clouds during the Day but at night it snow'd a little Wind N W
3. Friday I did but little business- I took my Sleigh to Mr Elisha Water's to be mended It snow'd a little this morning- with what fell last night made the ground white & that was all the effect this snow had for it was not Sleighing the day was pretty cold and some Cloudy wind North West

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4. Saturday- In the forenoon I chop'd Wood at the Door in the P M I got my Oxen shod at Maj's Norton's- Hiram in the same part of day took my Horse & went down to Water's and got Sleigh home without getting the Iron work done (save a small gripe on the tongu) as I meant to have had him- It was quite cloudy this morning & red, the wind strong in the South West, which soften'd the top ground or to spell right ground in smal deree, the wind continu'd verry stiff in South & Cloudy thro the whole day-at night

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veer'd about in tot the North West our little snow left us

5th (Saturday) Sunday I heard Mr Marsh
preach in the forenoon & Mr Davis in the P M
it was pretty chilly & Cloudy all wind North West
pretty strong

6th Monday I pack'd my Beef in the forenoon
& fix'd or fitted up an old Ash-box & a number
of other notions that I busi'd myself about in
the P M I cut down a beach Tree trim'd the same

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which grew in the Hog-pasture- I must make one
observation about my Sheep- that they're
in better(in) better order at present than I
have Known them for several winters back,
This morning the Clouds were a little red
& curdley the air a little aggitated by a south
-ern breeze-not verry cold- the weather contin
about the same the whole day-the wind va
riable at night in South-great signs of a
storm

7th Tuesday in the forenoon I clean'd & m
easured the last of my Spring wheat
which amounted to 16 bushels- this
wheat & a few bushels of Rye-is wh
at Ira has Thresh'd since he has
taken all my grain for every 10th
bushel- Ira got my Sleigh mended
& a Shoe set on one of my Horses

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Ira was detain'd in town the greatest
part of the day shiefly upon my bus
-iness-in P M I carri'd my wheat from
the barn in to the House- Chop'd some
Wood at the door- accompanied Mr
Sol'n Safford on to Mtt Pleasant
after seeing my cattle fed I went down
to Jonas's & partook of a genteel supper
Cloudy with wind apparently from S W
but it was in the S E from the direction
of the Clouds flying from S E to N W &
a heavy roaring in the E part of the
town from which we may judge the wind was
pretty high-last night a verry small
flurry of snow fell that scarce discolor'd
the ground-the air was not cold for the
season-tho' damp & Chilly-no great variety
this day- rather stormy on the Mts I thot
the wind strenghten'd at night in short gusts

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8th Wednesday I drew 3 loads of Wood off
from Robinson's land which I get of Jonas in

lieu off wood he has before had of me-
 My Father & Ira Thresh'd out 11 bushels of
 Corn, Cloudy day & cold, the latter increas'd
 toward night & the evening air was by no
 means comfortable unless by the side of a
 good Fire -a pretty steady breeze of wind
 from N W-I perceived signs of snow to
 day- The air was verry keen & piercing

9th Thursday morning I drew a load of
 Wood on Jonas's account from Robinson's
 land-finding it verry rough Sledding
 I quit that business & went to threshing
 Barley with Ira & swept the floor ready
 for cleaning the grain----- that
 This D A Y has been the COLDEST one with
 -out exception since the season commenc'd
 is acknowledged by all persons--

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Water (that a few hours before or more properly
 a day or two ago) being in a perfect state of fluid
 -ity is now firmly glaciated -ie where
 the decent quantity of water is insufficient
 to produce a quick motion in that element;
 -the sides of the two little brooks mean
 der thro my meadow are beatifully lin'd with
 icicles-the roads are verry passible here about
 tho the ground be frozen(very) firm as
 rock The mountains appear like an orchard
 in full Blom- being whitten'd by frost
 & snow on the tops of the Trees
 It exceedingly Cloudy & hazy till toward night
 then it clear'd away & the eve was a clear
 Star-light-the wind continu'd Stiff N W
 in evening when it Veer'd about in to the
 South-the evening air was in proportion to
 the preceding day- My cattle are all in
 good spirits & hay isn't wanting to keep them so

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10th Friday in the forenoon I clean'd
 eleven bushels & peck of Barley wh
 -ich was by no means a comfortable
 job on account of a strong breeze from
 the South in the P M I remov'd a
 large quantity of Straw off from the
 West Mow on to the great Beems
 I drew 2 small loads of wood to Mr
 Thomas-which I collect'd from a
 couple of Trees that grew in the
 Hog Pasture-this I believe will make
 pretty durable Wood for him it
 being Beach & Hardhack
 The cold was verry intense last
 night & the fore part of this day- but
 I could perceive that the cold had
 abated in a great degree in the P M

but the evening was pretty cold- we have
had a verry bleak wind from Sth Cloudy

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& hazy & seem'd to try hard to snow
but it clear'd off in the evening with
the wind still in the South with sighns
of a storm at hand- the brooks have
dried away considerably since our
last rain which proves that it dry
as it is cold-

- 11th Saturday I cut a Beach Tree that stood
in a little hollow on the right hand of the
lain as we go toward the Road-I took a load
of wood on to my Cart out of A Water's
Wood Pile at his door,& carri'd to Josephus-
-I carri'd a Barrel of Cyder to Adam
Waters- I provided fire-wood & took care
of my cattle which ends the day
The fore part of the day quite pleasant
but in latterpart hazy-a strong wind S
had there been no wind to day-I think
the day or I would say air would have been mild

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- 12th Sunday Mr Marsh preach'd in am &
Mr Davis in P M-the weather mild
Cloudy & but little wind from the South
- 13th Monday I fill'd the Horse Barn with
Hay-in P M I went to Mill & attended
the meeting of Congregational Society
-this morning was verry foggy the air
still with a drizzling damp snow quite
mild-toward night the wind wind bega
-n to blow verry steady & strong from N W
with a fine snow which fell pretty fast
with the cold increasing-in this state
It lasted till I went to bed.
- 14th Tuesday it was so stormy that I did no
business of more importance than to cut some
wood & take care of my cattle It has been what
I shall term a snowy day tho the snow
that fell was not verry considerable but it
appears to me that it will make pretty good

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Sleighing as soon as the roads are beaten- I have nt
measur'd the snow no otherway than by guess
by this rule I find it about 7 inches depth-The air
has been midling cold with a gentle but constant
breeze from North West-the evening was same
as the day had been

- 15th Wednesday I took care of my cattle- cut

some wood at the door ' drew one load of wood the Lime Kiln, The weather being cold & strong it verry much cramp'd my business & I felt rather stiff & soar- My cattle were not at all bashful for they devour'd no small quantity of forage- The snow I think increas'd faster last night & to day- than it did yesterday or the night before- I reconkon by guess that about 5 inches of snow fell last night-added to what fell to fell to day we shall find it 14 inches in depth-however this is guess work- It was strong till (toward) past the middle of the day but continu'd Cloudy-keen air with a stiff wind N West

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16th Thursday I went to the Tanbrook partner -ship Pile & drew 3 loads of Wood up to my own Door- It was pretty hard getting the wood out of the great Pile- the wood being badly pil'd -but he had recourse to stratagem- I unhitch'd my Oxen from (my) the Sled & them hitching them to the ends of some of the larger logs & drew them out-this unloos'd the Pile so that it was much easier getting it out-The forenoon was considerable pleasant with some flying Clouds-in the P M hazy, Cloudy, squally-The wind has been southwardly for most part of the day- at night it was in North West- midling cold to day

17th Friday I drew 4 loads from the Tanbrook Pile- this wood is receiv'd of Adam Waters for what I have let him have this fall out of my Sugar Place- The air was screen & verry cold inasmuch as every thing seem'd to be impregnated with frost-in the morning a

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man after walking in the air a short time (he) he found his beard screen'd with frost- the cattle & Horses were whiten'd by the frost from

18th Saturday I have drawn four loads from from the company Pile & had it of the same man I had it yesterday- Clear & cold wind in S W

19th (Saturday) Sunday I heard Mr Marsh preach to day-weather more temperate than it has been for some days past-Cloudy strong wind in South pretty strong-Quite stormy in evening- when I say stormy I mean that it storms now.

20th Monday I attended Miss Subrina Demning funeral Mr Marsh preach'd from Luke 21st Chap'r 3435 & 36 Verses- I did no work to day only took care of my cattle-The weather for the most part was quite unpleasant-yet not verry cold- it was stormy in the morning-with a damp snow intermix'd with hail- it continu'd stormy in a greater or less

degree thro' the day with a strong damp South wind.

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If I should be so fortunate as to review this work a year hence- I fear that I have not convey'd my ideas of last weeks weather, clear enough to be comprehended at a period so distant- however to make amends- I shall here say, that the weather was full as severe as we commonly have it at this season of the year- but I labor under many disadvantages in describing the weather- having no other rule to go by than my own feelings & judgment which will often be found erroneous- in after times I shall have no one to criticise upon this Journal but myself- The snow has increas'd 3 or 4 inches since Sunday

21st Tuesday I went on a visit with my Mother & Mrs Harwood to Mrs Ezra Doty's accompanied by Mr Asa Doty & Lady- who staid here last night- I kept a span of colts for him I ought to have mention'd that a Mr Smith came with Doty & taffi'd all night his business I shall not mention- because it will not soon be forgotten -Great uniformity in the weather to day the air damp- windsoutherly- mild- Cloudy- hazy Mr Asa Doty did not return with me, but staid at his brothers

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22d Wednesday in the forenoon I sat in the House & pass'd my time with Mr Doty- in P M I dug out a couple loads of Wood where it was pil'd it was cover'd with snow- this wood I drew from a few rods north of Tan-brook pile- at about the same distance from the Lime Kiln, on our own land, Wind in S E air mild- Cloudy- a great sameness thro the day. I kept Mr Doty & his horses from from Mr

23d Thursday I got up two Load of Wood & Ira one- Ira clean'd some Oats to day- he say he thresh'd out 60 bushels with (th) what he get at this time cleaning up- It has been a blustering day from N W which made rather uncomfortable- tho' in reality it was not verry cold- toward it began to storm from N W the snow was light & come pretty steady

24th Friday I sleded 3 load of Wood from a pile near the line between Capt Norton & my Father at the S West part of the (Sugar) or Wood lot -the wind was in the North West pretty strong so that the snow blew in to large drifts

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-it appear'd colder to day than it really was-
Mr Doty staid here last night I kept his horses
for him-this is the second night he has staid
at our house-having been gone one night since
he came over the Mountain- he brot James Harw
ood my Nephew over with him, who will visit
to his sister Ruth North part of the town-Hiram
accompanied him- Mr Doty set out for Wilming
-ton (I should have mention'd his Christian name
which is Elis) this morning

25th Saturday I drew Wood from Nortons line 4
loads in No's the last of which broke my Sled
Hiram chop'd wood at my Door-there being no
School to day-Mr Asa Doty arriv'd from a visit
out to Eastmoon in York State- I let Mr Stone have
my Sleigh & Horse's in my name to draw Wood
for Jonas-who went for Capt Robinson's
The day was verry pleasant & warm inso
much that the snow give a little-so that at
night it crusted a little

26th Sunday-I heard Mr Marsh from the desk
Mr Doty wife & Mr Smith set away for Stamford
this morning-this morning the trees & fences
were cover'd with a white frost-the same part

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of the day the air was verry foggy-but as soon
as the fog went off it became a verry pleasant
warm day-so that the snow was render'd quite
soft but not so as to injure the Sleighing which
is now verry good

27th Monday I mended my Sled- Brother Stone
came from Hoosac with a cutter-The weather
was warm & some Cloudy-the snow dissolv'd a little
not so as to render it spashy-Mr Stone set out on a journey
to Dorset for me-with my Sleigh & Horses
I must mention one circumstance that occur'd
this day which may assist my recollection of it
it was the arrivall of Mr Whitecomb Ames from
Cazzanova with a cutter after his wife, who came
from there about 3 months ago, on a visit to her
parents & friends in Hoosac she being disappointed---
in her- delay'd till a few days since when a chance offer
ed she started for Home- her husband unfortunately
miss'd of her on his way to Hoosac & has now got
to return to Cazzanova before he can see her

28th Tuesday I got down 4 loads of Wood from from
that part of my Wood lot call'd Street's hollow-it being
the road us'd to go to his wood-my work suits me verry
well the wood being in Pile- it was warm to day
so as to carry off a pretty good share of snow-
the fore part of the day was verry foggy

the fore part of the day was verry foggy after that it was verry pleasant it was on this day that Mr Ames here- the reason why I made this mistake ^{days} is because I have neglect'd to keep a minute of several past by that means I had forgotten the circumstance of this day & set down for yesterday Mr Stone arriv'd from Dorsett

- 29th Wednesday 4 loads of Wood again to day from Streets hollow-it was fair & warm to day-so that it was verry unpleasant walking- the snow being soft & full of water- The Sleighing is growing bad- Brother & Sister Stone went home today- I kept his Horse two nights-Warm thawy & Cloudy
- 30th (Tuesday) Thursday I had two teams(to) beside my own Stone went with one for Mr Thomas & drew 5 loads to his Door Jonas 5 to mine Myself 4- it was a most unvcomfotable Day under foot by reason of the snow being verry soft & spashy the snow went off verry fast to Day-I think we have not had a warmer day for some time before the wind had been in the south during the day but veer'd into the N W
- 31st Friday I went in company with Mr Josiah Lawrence & his Lady (who staid at my house to at night I kept his horses) to see the Meeting House at night I sign'd a bail bond with Mr Elijah Stone wind N W thawy-muddy in the road snow pretty nearly gone

- 1st Saturday I drew 4 load of Wood which I gather'd various parts of the Wood lot it snow'd consider part of the time today but it add no great to the depth to itself- however it made bad Sleighing some better-It has been colder today than for a week before-tho it was moderate winter weather- It cold enough last night freeze the snow pretty hard- I believe the wind was in N E.
- 2d Sunday I went to Church in the afternoon Mr Marsh preach'd pleasant winter weather some Cloudy-cold wind N W
- 3d Monday No business done to day more than to take care of my cattle-but I think I should have felt better at night If I had been Sleding all day-We have had a verry tedious storm from the S W the wind blew heavy from that quarter & snow'd considerably in frepart of the day but was not tedious in the P M-the snow is whirl'd in to drifts so that ther's no measuring of it except in the woods- Wind at night in North West-To Mr Mellen clos'd his School this day- Hiram didn't go to school to day

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4th

Tuesday my Father I clean'd 141 2/6 bushels of Rye of which Ira has every 10th bushell for three shing of it- We've had a wholesome winter day some cloudy wind North West

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5th

Wednesday in the morning I drew a load of Wood, but one of my Oxen was so unlucky as to tear one of his dew-claws off-so that I did not draw any more to day, I help Jonas about loadings chop'd some wood beside Midling winter weather today- bluster- ing from North West Hiram began to go to School to Mr Heman Fay who keeps School at Lovett's Store Ira arriv'd here to night from Troy-says it is verry good sleighing in that wuarter

6th

Thursday Jonas & I drew six loads of wood he went with horses & I chop'd- this wood I get in the Sugar place I must here observe that all or at least akk but a few loads that I have had for my immediate use for my own fire- I have drawn to my Fathers Wood-pile, but I have now begun a pile for my own door. Cold in the morning to a considerable degree but was more mild toward the close of the day. Cloudy, wind N W

7th

Friday Jonas drew 8 loads Wood for me to day- Josephus help'd me chop-also had the pleasure of dining with the black gentleman-Stormy in the P M or rather squally wind South-not over cold for season Ira had my Sleigh & set out for Troy with a load of Cyder for Jonas- I clean'd 13 bushels & peck of Rye.

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8th

Saturday I did nothing more than to cut some fire-wood-set in the House some-see to my Cattle- Ira arriv'd from Troy at night- Hiram did not go to school today It rain'd verry hard this mprning wind heavy in South it prov'd a verry thawy rainy & uncomfortable Day- the wind veer'd into the N W with great force

9th

Sunday Not a soul of us went to Church to to Day- the wind last night blew harder from North West than I have known before this winter in fact, I don't think we often experience a heavier wind than we had last night & part of this day-however it began to abate in the afternoon was quite still in the evening- It soon conjeal'd the snow & water that had incorporated during the thaw, in to a solid ice, after it became cold, but it has injur'd the Skeighing greatly-it was Cloudy & verry cold- Hiram took Jonas's Horse & my (at) Sleigh at night & carri'd Lucy Stone to Mr Caidall's distant 5 miles- N W part of

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very busy today, but I have managed to
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will find them interesting.

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the town- pretty good Sleighing from Courtt
House to Caidall's. It is verry slippery going
my Father experienc'd the effects of it this morning
by falling on to his hip-which gives considerable pain

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- 10th Monday Mr Safford arriv'd here late last night
from Enos-burg, he & his eldest daughter, I shew'd
Mr Safford our New Meeting House -spent P M with
him in this way, Mr Elis Doty 2d & his lady tarried
here last night-kept his horse for him, at night
Mr Heman Fay came to see his brother-this made
excellnt company, it happening so that Mr Fay verry
bro't his Flute with him, this made a 12 oclock evening
short, Mr Safford says the Sleighing is verry poor
at the northward-The weathertemperate & some
cloudy not much wind till night when it blew N W
pretty stiff
- 11th Tuesday Jonas drew 8 loads of wood from the Sugar
place for me-Sephus & I chop'd- This morning
& all the forenoon pretty mild, but the P M was more
inclement insomuch that it snow'd some, Wind
high in the P M finally I must pronounce this day a verry
bleak & uncomfortable one; when I mention'd that the morning
& forepart of the day was mild I was wrong for ut was quite
the contrary- Wind N W
- 12th Wednesday Made a trial to get wood, but unf
ortunately, Jonas broke his own Sled & another of Mr Wetheby's

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- the weatherverry uncomfortable, being verry
cloudy with a cold South E wind, which increas'd
to a verry high pitch, in the P M, with or with
a verry rough hail & snow, which however subsided
in great degree in evening; tho' this storm was
violent there fell but little snow & it didn't last long
- 13th Thursday Set in the House, & took care of Cattle,
being rather indispos'd- Cold & blustering in the fore
noon, Cloudy, but toward night it became clear,
Mr Doty from wilmington Staid here las, kept his horses,
- 14th Friday Jonas & I went with our women, on a
visit, which, to be brief, was at Mr Byington's, Wm'town
Verry fine morning-but at night the wind verry high
from the S E-I should say it has been hazy & cloudy-
bad Sleighing, Uncle Abra'm Witherly chop'd for me to day-
- 15th Saturday About 10 Oclokk this morning I took
my horse-also let Mr Safford have one, we both sett
out on a ride, he went to Mr Edgerton's, after Setteling
some affairs with Mr Hinsdale & Mr Kirshaw,
I went to Edgerton's, made a good visit with verry
good company which was heightened by singing- I stay'

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d here to a late hour, it being as near as I can guess 10
O'clock- Wind in the South warm & Cloudy, just at night
set in to a verry heavy rain wind soon turn'd N W heavy
9 O'clock clear

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Hiram work'd verry poorly, at chopping to day, there
being only a half day school

16th

Sunday Went to church on horse back, Mr Marsh
preach'd, Chilly wind from North West-a fair day
with some clouds, tho the mud was frozen pretty
stiff last night, yet the rays of the sun made it
quite soft, I mean as much as it had thaw'd before
for our last thaw run verry shallow, this last
rain that fell, with the snow that disolv'd has
rais'd the streams considerably

17th

Monday Mr Weatherley & myself chop'd wood
at my Father's door, A verry pleasant day with sca
ce a Cloud to be seen, quite a chilly wind N W,
it thaw'd considerably to day, no snow now more
than what is in large drifts by the side of fences
verry poor Sleighing, if it may be so term'd, this
evening perceiv'd signs of a storm, since last friday
I have (Mr) I have kept Old Mr Witherby's horse (includ
ing Friday night) two nights & two days--

18th

Tuesday I did up some Fencing between Capt
Norton & I this was in the forenoon, in the P M
split a little wood at my door, took care of my cattle,
We had a verry heavy storm of hail from the South last
night, with a
strong South East, some say they heard thunder this morning

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but I didn't, cloudy the whole day, rain'd a little before
night, dreadful traveling in the roads, warm to day,
I put ~~three~~ 3 Horses belonging to Mr Wetherby, in to my
Stable, at night. Ira finish'd Threshing Rye, which is all,

19th

Wednesday, Winnow'd a large heap of Rye before
before I ate my breakfast, which was about 9 o'clock,
Hiram assist me while winnowing, but Mr Safford
help'd me about measureing of it, I sent Hiram over
Hinman's to borrow some bags, but he got only one, I had
5 of Jonas, the whol of this grain when measur'd makes
51 1/2 bushels, on the whol I think I've work'd pretty
well to day, I let Hiram have a Horse to go to Hoosac on
business for Mr Elija Stone- Hiram absent from School
Mr Witherby had my Waggon this P M, Stables 3 Horses
here to night, the streams are now pretty full--
It was verry warm to day, for the season, smokey-
a little cloudy, with a steady breeze from South West,
it has been an April day-

20th

Thursday, Put my affairs in order, went up to Court with Mr Safford, who had a horse of my I should have mention'd yesterday, that I kept 4 Horses (instead of saying 3) for Mr Witherby, he & his son John chop'd at my Father's door till it rain'd

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Verry warm, some smokey, verrey Cloudy, the wind a smart wind from South ot South W till it rain'd a hard shower, when the wind blew from N W it rain'd till almost dark or I ought to say, till quite in the evening it began to storm a little before night, the snow is now entirely gone exceptt on the Mountain in some drifts, verrey muddy, in the road, as I was returning from town, my Mare, by making a mistep fell with me, but did me no injury, the reason of it was by breaking thro the frost, brooks quite high & mak a roaring. Nath'l Stone came here late last night with a horse- went away this morning

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21st

Friday John Witherby & Ira chop'd in the A M Old Mr Wetherby and his son Levi in the forenoon, the old gentleman the whole day, I split Wood, this days work was done at my Father's door. The W't Mount'n was cover'd white with a small flurry of snow that fell last night but soon vanish'd both on the mount' and on the ground, which was slightly frozen, but the sun soon made it verrey muddy. Cloudy some in the P M a chilly wind from N W

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22d

Saturday For myself I shall say that I did but little among many trifles I have kill'd a dwarf Calf which I have kept for aboutt 3 weeks-gave him about 6 quartss of milk per day, I split some wood, John Wetherby & Ira got out Flax. They split the Break-head, Lvi Wetherby Chop'd here some, Hiram at home in the P M, the ground was frozen stiff this morning, but was soon thaw'd it was verrey clear & pleasant day pretty warm, Wind from N W, Old Mr Ayelsworth & his horse staid here last night

23d

Sunday Went to Church, heard Mr Marsh preach'd the air clear, some chilly, wind N W -

24th

Monday Cut wood at the door, made a calf pen, for my two young calves, drew out 2 Barrels of Cyder for Abel Harwood. Old M Wetherbees chop'd for me to day, This forenoon it was considerable pleasant, but in the P M it was cloudy-some rainy-the wind has been in the south till just at night when itt veer'd in to the N W-warm for this season-

25th

Tuesday Mr Safford & I wentt to court & some other places Hiram didn't go to School, Mr Peter Wheelerr & his lady came here this P M, on a visit, I spent a little time with them after I return'd from town- A remarkable clear but midling cold day some windy from N W

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A remarkable clear but midling cold day, some windy from N W

- 26th Wednesday Ira & I got out 19 1/4 bbl of Flax, Mr Wetherby His wife-daughter & three sons left this place for the Susquehanna county in Pennsylvania this day. I kept 3 of their Horses 8 days & one 10 days- Weather clear & pleasant.
- 27th Thursday Mr Thomas & Ira with a little help from me- dress'd 21 lbs 1/4 Flax-It was warm & pleasant- the roads are pretty smooth for the season -it is said, that there isn't more than 4 miles of Sleighing between Bennington & Brattleboro, I believe that that the snow has almost left this West Mt I ought not omit mentioning that soon after the large drifts left the ground that in such places a little grass would spring up, but this is short liv'd, last Sunday I saw & heard a Back-Blue Bird,
- 28th Friday this morning I went & found the flock -which Hiram could not effect, but I found them in Streets Pasture, Ira, Mr Thomas & myself dress'd 23 1/4 lbs of Flax, there was a mistake in lb yesterday's account of Flax-there's 28 1/4 lbs 5 lbs added to 23 Hiram saw two men stand in the Pillory in P M one Nicholson, the other Moses Hall-one hour each

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- 11 Saturday (Mended) I only arrang'd some matters about my Barn & took care of my Cattle- Thro' mistake I omitted mentioning yesterday's weather but I shall here insert it, it was pretty pleasant in the forenoon-but it was squally in the P M the wind blew in gusts from N W -it had been growing colder thro' the day-- it has been an extreme cold day- with a continual breeze of the most piercing North West wind & some flying clouds-
- 2d (Monday) SUNDAY Tackl'd my Sleigh & rode with my Mother to the Meeting House, tho there's no more snow in the road than there was last June Mr Marsh preach'd, Very cold to day but I don't think it was quite so tedious as yes'day at the same time there blew a very bleak Wind from N W tho' it was a clear day-the sun made a little or no impression on the frozen hubs-ther's a small flurry of snow on the ground scarcely worthy mentioning but this doesn't hurt my June expression, for it is of no kind of help to Sleighing--
- 3d Monday, Had 4 men to work for me viz: Mr Thomas Black Sephus, Jonas & Ira, Jonas & Ira swingl'd & I hatchel'd (us) Sephus & Thomas broke, This A M; I was

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quite unwell till I came to the House took some off Dr Hull, this afford'd me immediate relief, so that I work'd all the P M. Jonas dress'd 21 lb 4 oz of Flax, Ira 20 lbs both added together 41 lb 4 oz Flax, Mr Chellus Safford left us this P M for Enosburgh, A verry clear day windd in the North W cold- not quite so cold as yest'y

4th Teusday Mr Thomas, self & Ira swingl'd 29 lbs 4 oz Flax this was broke yesterday, we finish'd some time beforee night, it must be remember'd that I'm a slow hand at swingleing Flax. Ira & Mr Thomas did the cheif of the Flax. Had a pretty stormy day, verry drizzly- consider-able wind S E chilly, a small flurry of snow fell to day Hiram left Mr Fay's School last Saturday, he has been to Mr Fay 17 days-

5th Wednesday My Oxen dreew 3 smalll loads of Wood from near the Lime Kiln I unyok'd my Team in the P M finding it rather hard Sleding on the bearr ground, Ira cut a little wood at Father's door, Hiram after splitting some oven-wood-went to mill- This morning the sun was red, the air wasn't clear but not cloudy, in the P M more cloudy, wind N W the top of the ground thaw'd, the snow that fell yesterday is of little consideration-

6th Thursday I was busy but didn't get much work done, I help'd my Father fix some buttons on too 3 off

my cattles Horns, Hiram & I chop'd wood at my door, Ira busi'd himself about a pair of Whipple-Trees, Mr Moses Donaldson & his hired man & span of Horses, staid here last night,

I mention'd an accident which happen'd to my Father, the 9th of last Feb'y, this laid him up, for about 3 weeks, so that he was unable to do any work, but he has now recover'd and does as much workk

as usual, I've kept Jonas's Horses for him ever since last Monday, he's gone away with them today, the air was hazy this morning, the ground frozen hard, but after the sun got up 2 or 3 hours, it made the top of the ground pretty slimy, in the P M it was cloudy with the wind N W The air can't be call'd cold today, but it was raw & chilly, I told Hiram at night after supper, that we must (out) in to work early in the morning & not wait for breakfast, that we had got a good deal of business to attend to & that it requir'd labor & a good resolution to get along with all our work, there being 2 pretty large wood piles to cut up.

7th Friday in the forenoon, drew 2 small loads of wood, in P M put two Sled loads of hay in the horse Barn, then went & got another load of wood from near the Lime Kiln. Ira mended my harness in part. Hiram did but little, I believe he took some care of the cattle & Sheep, out of 4 Lambs I've lost one the oldest of which is 17 days, kept Jonas's horses last night, It has been a frizzling stormy day, in the A m

the wind was south, with a fine snow which melted as it fell, in the P M the snow fell a little

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faster, but all of it made but little, only covering the ground, grew colder at night Wind N W

- 8th Saturday I got up but one load of Wood this A M, I paid Mr John Alexander twenty two dollars & twenty cents in consequence of this I borrow'd eighteen Dollars of Mr Brown, this P M I reckon'd with Mr Lovett, Mr Hix, Mr Norton & Mr Squire, among whom, only Maj'r Norton was indebted to me about 11 Dollars. This forenoon it was squally, in the P M it didn't storm any, cold & blustering. Wind N West Jonas kept his two Horses at my Stable ever since last Monday. Jonas has Hay of me to keep his Horses & Cow on, Ira finish'd mending my harness.
- 9th Sunday Visited the Lords house Mr Marsh preach'd A cold clear day, the sun soften'd the hubs a little wind N W
- 10th Monday Took waggon & Horses carri'd 16 bushels of grain to mill in the A M P M chop'd wood at my door, Hiram made his axe go some to day, but I can't credit him a whole day, a man with whom I am unacquainted, offers me 20 Dollars for the Soft Horn Cow, this man appears to be a smart old fellow, he rode a sorrel Horse with a white strip in his face, the man has a red silk handkerchief round his face to keep off the cold, he spoke with a Strong & loud voice, he also had on a blue great coat, A verry clear, but cold day, especially in AM wind N W

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Jonas had my Oxen this P M to draw some wood, Ira went for me, with my waggon to Maj'r Norton's to get it mended

- 11th Tuesday morning before breakfast help'd Jonas fix Ira off with a load of his Cyder for Troy, Jonas put my Doty mare in by the side of his, to go to Troy, Benj Harwood & his oxen work'd for Adam Waters on Mt Pleasant (a description of which may be seen at page 17th) he & his brother Elisha work with us till noon. Jonas & I work'd till about 5 oclock, the oxen having drawn all the large wood, we came down from the Mt, my oxen work'd verry hard, Jonas was teamster. Hiram went up with us in the morn but soon return'd & chop'd at my door, Verry cloudy thro, the day, cold & chilly, the wind bleak, N W
- 12th Wednesday Jonas & I chop'd wood at my door Hiram took the Cart & oxen & went to mill, brot home the grist that I carri'd there Monday, it consisted of 12 bbls of Rye & 4 of Wheat, Hiram did but little after he came home, Jonas & I were hinder'd some by the storm or we should have made a hole in my wood-pile- we did pretty well as it was, Ira came home from Troy- had good luck- says it was pretty good waggoning- I must say I never say better waggoning in this town at this season, tho' the ground is froz

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zen verry hard. It was hazy all the A M a little past noon it began to snow on the Mt's it soon became general, lasted, with a short interval, till sun half an hour high then ceas'd, the wind blew steady from N W, pretty dry & quite cold.

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- 13th Thursday Sleded 4 loads of wood from the foot of Mt pleasant, for Adam, hard sleding, the snow that fell yesterday or to day made very little if any as to Sleighing. All I have to say of the weather is that if it has been a verry cloudy, squally, foggy on the mountains & midling cold day with a steady breeze of wind from North West
- 14th Friday. Bro't two loads of loads from the Mt to Adam's door in the A M Hiram assist'd me about it, after dinner I put a load of Hay in to the Horse stable, in the fore noon I sent Ira with the waggon, to carry some furniture for Mr Thomas to Gate's. Sent Ira down to Haynes's with nine Bushels of Barley, told Ira to tell Haynes for me that if he didn't let me have better malt, this year than he did, last year, that I never should send him any more Barley; The weather has been quite unpleasant & I think pretty difficult to describe, it was finally a drizzling-sloppy-snowy-cloudy day, being neither verry warm nor verry cold, the snow in the woods makes midling sleding, but in open land it is verry poor-wind South
- 15th Saturday-morning was employ'd nursing Lambs, I sat up late last evening (verry) upon this business, there are now 16 Lambs, but it is querry with me, whether I shall find them all alive in the morning, one I have bro't in to the House, & given it to Lydia, drew one load of wood for Adam in A M the P M, took care of lambs & help'd

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- Father fix a Sheep Rack, this P M Ira toom my waggon to help Mr Thomas move his things up to Gates's, Capt Demic of Pownal gave me eighteen Dollars for the Lop'd horn Cow, is to take her away next Monday. I took a Mangatten Bank Bill of twenty dollars, gave back two Dollars, this is the largest Bank-note I ever took before. Jonas took his Horse to his own keeping yesterday, he has bot some Hay of Gates, I had liketo have omited poor Hiram, for he must have credit for all he does, tho' it be but a little, he has chop'd some wood to day, Mr Ellis Doty was here to Day & bot a bushel and a half of Rye of me, Mr Doty & I made a kind of reckoning between us, by which we found that he owes me 80 cents, this is for Cyder he has had of me. Before sun rise it was verry clear, but after sun-rise & thro the day ther were flying cläuds from N W some squally, the air chilly, the top of the ground thaw'd a good deal, wind N W
- 16th Sunday-morning I found 5 Lambs dead; within 24 hours we have lost seven Lambs, Lydia's among the rest, The reason for this mortality among the youngn of the

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Flock is the want of milk, this makes it most certain death for the twins, several sheep having lost both of their twins, sometimes one, I went to meeting with the waggon. A very clear day-chilly-with wind N W Mr Marsh preach'd, Northern lights at night.

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- 17th Monday. Mov'd Mr Thomas family & effects from the Dr Fay House to Gates's. Ira drove the waggon & I went with Cart & Oxen, we got thro with this business in the early part of the P M. I split some oven-wood did some other trifles the rest of the day, at the same time Ira made ax helves. Hiram chop'd wood We have kept our upper room for a kitchen (except washing days) from the forepart of December till this day-we've now re into the former kitchen-The air chilly-flying Clouds wind N W
- 18th Tuesday. Employ'd 3 men in geting out Flax viz Mr Thomas Jonas, & Sephus, Thomas & Sephus broke-Jonas swingl'd 26 pounds of Flax, the master hatchel & carri'd Cyder. Hiram labor'd at the wood pile; Sephus work'd for Mr Thomas, Warm next the sun but cold in the shade to day, bad time for Wheat, on account of cold frosty nights & warm days or to speak more proper, thawy days for at this season, if it appears pleasant-the air will be chilly, which occasions many colds. This day was a verry pleasant one, with little wind N W I swap'd a Horse's with Jonas to day, giving him fifteen dollars to boot, 10 of it in Horse-keeping & 5 bushels of Rye. The Horse I let him have, is an ill made skitish fretful creature, but verry good for the Saddle & collars she is 6 years old (for they are both mares) in lieu of this creature I have a pretty well made mare about 9 years old verry steady, kind & true in the collar not so good under the Saddle, rather a slow traveler, she is verry much troubl'd with the heaves, Mr Demic came after his cow a 2d time & I hope for the last.
- 19th Wednesday. My Father & I trim'd Apple Trees Hiram gain about 3

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- hours by having a stint at Choping, Jonas & Ira swingl'd what Flax there was left that was broken yesterday-amounted to pounds. The sky was hazy in the AM quite cloudy in P M wind warm. I heard chipping Birds sing this morning.
- 20th Thursday Went with my oxen late in the morn'g & brot 5 loads of wood from Mt Pleasant to the Lime Kiln & 1 load down to our House-all for Adam Waters, this brot it to 2 o'clock in the P M-little done after this, Hiram did nothing worthy of notice, Mr Duncan work on my Waggon, Chilly, verry cloudy Wind S W-storm'd moderatelta at night
- 21st Friday did no work-being unwell. but I assisted about catching Mr John Crawfoot, who had run crazy-he's now confin'd in the Jail-Mr Duncan work'd for me again to Day, m

ending my waggon, some other things, Elder Stark & his Lady made a short visit here this P M, Mr Gates had a Barrel of Cyder, Mr Thomas had Cart Oxen & one horse of me to draw wood from the Dr Fay house to his present dwelling, Jonas had the team after him, to draw one load for Gates, Miss Lusinda Whipple arriv'd here from Hoosac. In fine it was a little squally a good deal Cloudy, neither cold nor warm wind, N W

22d Saturday Personally did no work, I reccon'd in a quick way with Tim Palmer, that is, we lump'd, quit even, I carri'd (him) 2 Bushels Rye to him. Hiram had a stint given him at Chopping for 6 days, he & Mr Duncan chang'd work's Hiram went to mill for him while he chop'd, Chilly wind N W some cloudy

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23d Sunday Heard the good Mr Marsh from the desk, pleasant with some flying Clouds wind strong in NW, cold

24th Monday Split over-wood. Hiram at his stint. Ira Chop'd for me in the P M Jonas had my cart & oxen to draw 2 loads of his wood in am, In the morning the air was verry still & the clouds were verry compact & smooth & look'd likely to be for a snow-storm, but it didn't storm any of consequence, it was fianlly a cloudy, dry cold day. Wind NW

25th Tuesday Finish'd splitting over wood & pil'd it-tho this was no considerable job, it was not all I did, for I split & pil'd other wood, I found myself considerably fatigu'd at night, Mr Thomas & Jonas split wood at my Father's door, Mr Thomas only in the P M, Ira chop'd for me, Hiram finish'd his six days stint, owes me one day, on account of Mr Duncan, when he has paid that he'll gain 2 days out of 6, This day has been an extraordinary cold one verry dry, with March wind N W flying clouds, or rather say, cloudy for the sun hasn't shone out clear to day, thaw'd a verry little This description must be allow'd for the season

26th Wednesday Attended town-meeting, paid Mr Hinsdale 6 dollars-also- Mr Hushaw 8 dollars-paid my minister's tax which amounted to 8 dollars & 30 cents, I sign'd two notes with Jonas, in favor of Moses Robinson, Jun'r, one for thirty two dollars & cents, the other the same, it began moderately to snow about 9 Oclock in the morning till about 7 in the evening without much intermission, but it only made 2 inches in depth quite cold wind N W

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27th Thursday Bro't 2 loads of wood from near the Lime Kiln to Adam's door, in P M Mrs Harwood & I took Hors's & went down to Elder Stark's in Pownal, of which I shall sometime no particulars, Winter cold in early part of the day, mild from 9 in the morning till 6 in the evening, I'm wrong, for it was a verry keen morning, it is true it grew more mild as the sun approach'd his bed, but the wind blew verry piercing

from N W Very clear, it was intensely cold last night, the dipping place at the brook frozen over which is verry uncommon

28th Friday I return'd from Pownall, my business went on as follows while I was absent yesterday Mr Thomas broke & Ira swingl'd Flax, Ira weigh'd 16 lb of swingl'd Flax-same P M Jonas went with my team-drew two loads of wood from near the Lime Kiln for Adam-also one for himself from elsewhere. Hiram earnt his bread & I don't know how much more-Today Mr Thomas & Ira work'd a little at the Flax in AM-quit it Mr Thomas split wood-Ira went upon his own business, Hiram Chop'd, the clouds were closely contracked) tracted in the morning were red-The rest of the day -clouds more broken finally clear'd off at night, pretty cold in the morning it grew milder till evening-forepart of the day wind South West at night in N W Jonas had my Oxen in A M-Yesterday I saw the first Robin I've seen this year-spring Birds are few.

29th Saturday Carri'd 8 bushels Rye-2 bushels of Corn & 1 bushel of Ira's Wheat to mill in A M-The P M split wood, Mr Thomas broke Flax-Ira swingl'd 24 lb of Flax Hiram Chop'd wood, for yes'ty & to day I allow him half a dollar it being his own time

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Out of 29 Lambs that have come since the last of Feb'y to the present time there remains only 14- Some cloudy in the mornig & quite cold along in the middle of the day more clear-some flying clouds in the P M but clear in the evening, it has been a chilly, windy day, wind N West

30th Sunday, Heard his reverence Mr Marsh preach-The forepart of the day verry pleasant, toward night the sky hazy with flying cloudys, the air has been chilly, with wind N W, My cattle increase pretty fast 3 calves come today-1 came last Friday this brings in two heifers & 2 old cows-one of the heifers is a twin, the 2 heifers calves are a couple of verry likely Bulls-mark'd exactly alike-a deep red-

31st Monday-Fore part of the day split up wood & did some other tti fles gave Hiram a job at chopping for 2 days & half, P M went to the congregational Society meeting, voted for the settlement of Mr Marsh which was carri'd by 60 against 19 Messrs Sam'l Safford, Elijah Dewey & Moses Robinson-committe to give Mr Marsh a call-Mr Thomas broke & swingl'd 15 lb of Flax in the P M he did this for Ira, Jonas had my Waggon to go dow to mill brot home the grist, I carri'd last Saturday-he us'd it the rest of the day geting wood. A warm smokey day, at night it rain'd a little-a good deal cloudy-it has been the warmest day we've had this year- The Robin & other birds common at this season weree musical enough this morning, in some warm spots grass springs up some-Our last snow is extinct- I never knew a drier nor a colder Mark--

- 1st Tuesday. My work was to split wood-Mr Thomas & Ira dress'd 20 lb Flax Hiram finish'd his stint a little P M-measur'd out 10 bushels of Rye for Capt Squire which I receiv'd pay for, It was cool-cloudy & damp this morning-because it rain'd some last night- in the P M clear-grew cooler-had some pretty heavy gusts of N W wind-
- 2d Wednesday Finsih'd dressing Flax-There was 39 lbs 8 oz Flax broke & swingl'd today-Mr Thomas & Ira swingl'd-I broke Hiram did the same-but a great deal less at night went to School meeting- Miss Lydia Loomis is hir'd to teach School-Last night there was a large frost it was a keen cold morning but grew milder from that time sun set-flying clouds AM-clear P M strong wind N W
- 3d Thursday-Mended fences in A M-P M split & pil'd wood at Father's door-Ira has work'd at it all day we finish'd at this door-cold this morning wind N W clear P M wind in South
- 4th Friday-Myself Jonas Ira & a yoke of Oxen & 1 horse belonging to me work'd on Mt Pleasant-Horam work'd at Doct'r Swift's for Thomas. Warm in A M wind in S-in P M cooler wind N W some cloudy
- 5 Saturday-Chiefly devoted to taking care of a sick Heifer-Had Mr Rice to her twice-rode in to town in P M-Cold morning- Chilly thro the day,verry clear & pleasant wind N W
- 6 Sunday- Mr Stark of Pownal preach'd-Sky was hazy a strong chilly South wind
- 7 Monday-The first seting out of this days-work was unfortunate-it happen'd all by carelessness- I had plac'd the cart & oxen at the hors-dung-heap,& left Hiram shoveling dung-but he didn't work a great while before he must go to the House to drink- he hadn't got quite there-before the oxen started & run against the waggon House-tore that flat down, from thence over the Barn-yard bars-split a bar-post & threw the cart topsyturvy-half full of dung-the cart was righted I then went

to work with Hiram till I went to town in the P M-Ira work'd with him from that time till night-10 loads of horse-dung were carri'd out to day mostly in to the Garden- Chilly in fore part of the day- toward night milder verry cloudy likely for a storm wind heavy in the S at night N W

- 8th Tuesday- No day for business-I mov'd a little hay from the great barn into the horse Stable- I suppose it rain'd a considerable part of last night, it however, turn'd into snow which fell in verry large flakes till nearly the middle of the day, it then struck into a mist, which was succeeded by squalls of fine snow with wind N W
- 9th Wednesday-My house encloses chief of my business transacted this day, I receiv'd between 5 & 6 hun'd of hay from Mr

Thursday, the 2nd of May. The weather was very fine and the wind light. The tide was out at 10 o'clock and the water was very clear. The fish were very good and the catch was very large. The fish were very fresh and the catch was very large. The fish were very fresh and the catch was very large.

1892

Friday, the 3rd of May. The weather was very fine and the wind light. The tide was out at 10 o'clock and the water was very clear. The fish were very good and the catch was very large. The fish were very fresh and the catch was very large. The fish were very fresh and the catch was very large.

1892

Saturday, the 4th of May. The weather was very fine and the wind light. The tide was out at 10 o'clock and the water was very clear. The fish were very good and the catch was very large. The fish were very fresh and the catch was very large. The fish were very fresh and the catch was very large.

1892

Sunday, the 5th of May. The weather was very fine and the wind light. The tide was out at 10 o'clock and the water was very clear. The fish were very good and the catch was very large. The fish were very fresh and the catch was very large. The fish were very fresh and the catch was very large.

1892

Monday, the 6th of May. The weather was very fine and the wind light. The tide was out at 10 o'clock and the water was very clear. The fish were very good and the catch was very large. The fish were very fresh and the catch was very large. The fish were very fresh and the catch was very large.

1892

Tuesday, the 7th of May. The weather was very fine and the wind light. The tide was out at 10 o'clock and the water was very clear. The fish were very good and the catch was very large. The fish were very fresh and the catch was very large. The fish were very fresh and the catch was very large.

1892

Wednesday, the 8th of May. The weather was very fine and the wind light. The tide was out at 10 o'clock and the water was very clear. The fish were very good and the catch was very large. The fish were very fresh and the catch was very large. The fish were very fresh and the catch was very large.

1892

Thursday, the 9th of May. The weather was very fine and the wind light. The tide was out at 10 o'clock and the water was very clear. The fish were very good and the catch was very large. The fish were very fresh and the catch was very large. The fish were very fresh and the catch was very large.

Thomas for keeping his mare, I also reckon'd & settl'd with him he owes me 1 dollar Ira & I reckon'd-he owes me 9 days works I've now on hand 25 1/2 bushels of Rye, it has been a snowy squally day, it snow'd last night-hard for cattle-wind N W

10th

Thursday I was gone all day over to Uncle Stephen's with waggon & Horses. he mended a plough with several other articles of less note, of which I shall make no mention, Jonas had Ira & Hiram to work for him together with my oxen who he kept busy enough drawing Mrs Street's wood from Mt Pleasant to the Hollow East of the Lime Kiln- This morning the snow was about 5 inches in depth in the woods in open land it was blown into drifts, it was exceeding cold, but it seem'd likely for a pleasant day-till towards noon it then began to grow cloudy-wind began to blow-which caus'd it to be verry squally & verry uncomfortable & I think nearly as cold as any of our last winters weather especially at night for the sun was n't out of sight 2 hours before the frost made the ground as firm as a Rock wind N W

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Friday-No out door work perform'd this day, I was however pretty busily employ'd in taking care of the cattle, my Father & I had to administer several doses of boil'd Ash bark to one of my young calves who was verry badly swell'd all over & refused any nourishment all day- we suppose the little fellow was poison'd by eating Pokeweed which he pick'd out of the Hay-another one had a verry poor stomach from the same cause, but I forc'd some milk down him- The weather was terrible for this season for it has been so verry cold today that it scarcely thaw'd any in middle of the day, the sun has been seen all day thro a thick haze- the wind has been verry high in N W & kept the snow in a swift motion. Last night was an extraordinary cold one.

12th

Saturday I went with Hiram to cut wood for Mrs Street, but neither of us did much at this or any other work-finding it much better sledding than I had suppos'd it to be, I went back to the house & sent Ira with a horse-sled up to some old oak-wood below the Lime Kiln, it was now noon. after dinner Hiram & I went up to work, Ira brot one small load as far as the dry-brook & there chang'd teams with Jonas, the latter taking my horses in lieu of the oxen & one of his horses which he had been working in A M-with this last team Ira drew several loads of Oak-wood down to the dry-brook, & l down home. Jonas has had my waggon & horses this B M drawing wood. I had to help Ira load so that Hiram nor I didn't chop any great. my sick calves are fast recovering The ground was firmly frozen, but it was thoroughly thawed before night. it has been some cloudy, the air was verry raw & chilly, much ~~waxx~~ wind & N W

13th

Sunday-Went to meeting, No clouds in A M the air keen, P M cloudy, strong wind N W the snow goes off from the open land considerably being now only in drifts.

14th

Monday-A M My Father myself & Hiram mended the old brush fence back of the Barn the other part of the Sheep-pasture fence was done for the present, we turn'd the flock out to

pasture with 15 Lambs. P M the boys & I went in to the S
Sugar-orchard-cut & split so as

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to load) the body of a Maple Tree which made 2 Cart-loads
Jonas had my waggon to day- The morning was verry promising-
the birds were quite rejoiced, but the ground was frozen
& the air was sharp & chilly-the ground was soon thaw'd-
the N W wind arose with the sun, so that the P M was cloudy
& cold the air was much milder than twas yesterday. My wheat
looks promising.

15th

Tuesday-Took our axes went & cut & split & pil'd that Oak-
wood which Ira drew to the dry-brook-this was in the A m
nothing occur'd in the P M that merits much attention only
Ira & my Father got in a load of hay from the stack in to
the Barn while I was gone on an errand to Mr Gates, but
didn't see him. In A M sky hazy-the air chilly by motion of
a steady breeze from N W P M it clouded storm'd or I might
say it snow'd moderately- melted as it fell-no wind milder
than the A M or yesterday. I believe the wind South at night

16th

Wednesday- Fast day- didn't go to Church. Much rain fell to
say with some thunder, clouds thick & dark, wind South till
night when it was high N W didn't freeze last night, one
calf came to day which makes 8 ~~N~~ in No beside Mrs Street's

17th

Thursday-The boys & I bettled dung in the meadows-We have
now 15 young Pigs bro't by 3 Sows 2 of which are yearlings.
One had 6 the other 5-The old Sow had only 4- I had intend'd
to have gone to plowing to-day, but the ground being so w
-et I shall put it off till Monday. The Mountains are still
cover'd with snow, vegetation is still verry backward, grass
springs out a little on dry land. The air has been quite
raw & chilly especially in A M-verry cloudy with a kind of
drizzly rain- Wind strong in West- clouds broke in latter
part of P M-air more mild at night-wind N W Took the
money for 2 bushels of Rye-charg'd one to A Waters-

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Friday lat in the P M took cart & oxen-Myself Ira & Hiram
were kept verry busy with them in carrying Jonas's horse-
dung, with a little of another sort, from Mrs Street's barn,

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where he kept his hors's this winter, I verrily believe
his two hors's have eaten more hay in the same time than 3
of mine at which No my stable will average thro' the whole
winter to the present time. I got out 15 loads onto the
Cornfield next Tanbrook. I shan't say a word about this barn-
Jonas is now out of hay- The ground void of frost this
morning, but the wind roar'd & it snow'd some after this the
clouds broke away & seem'd to indicate good weather, but it
was finally a chilly windy day- pretty cloudy till just at
night, it was then clear- wind W or N W

- 19th Saturday-A M Hiram & I went up & got a load of Posts & Sap-troughs, Ira split over-wood. P M sent Ira off with a waggon load of Straw for Uncle Stephen, I took the cart & Oxen as far as the lime-Kiln here I left the cart & went up to Mt Pleasant-got a couple of Oak post-cuts tumbl'd them down the hill-then with the oxen drew them to the cart-here I split & loaded-brot them from hence down home, I judg'd the load at more than a ton. Ira return'd with a N'w Plow of Stephen jun's make. Flying Clouds-air mild, tho' in the morn'g it rain'd some with a high wind yet in the middle & latter of the day there was no wind, air gentle, clear at night wind N W- For the first time at night I heard Frogs peep some say they've heard them a fortnight before this-
- 20th Sunday- attended divine service. White frost last night, A warm southardly breeze (from the S) the sky was cover'd by a thin haze, such weather as this will make the grass grow, my winter grain looks flourishing-
- 21st Monday- A M mended some fence, in the P M Hiram & I plow'd that part of the Tracy-fild E of the brook, while the oxen were breathing we mended fences, Ira with the horse's plow'd the Field next the Sheep-pasture; Pretty cloudy till a little before night-being then more broken cloudy at eve had some sprinkling of rain in the fore part of the day-A moderate S wind all day, it has been a heavy-dull sort of warm today.

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- 22d Tuesday-Spent the A M in mending fences, Ira & Hiram follow'd their plows the latter with the oxen, P M Hiram & I added 2 loads of horse-dung to that already in the garden-we spread the dung, & plow'd the garden, Ira finish'd the Tracy-field, (where both teams had been in A M) he then finish'd the small piece in the meadow, S of the house, Flying clouds from S E pretty thick, stormy on E morn't, air temperate-
- 23rd Wednesday- A M spread dung, mended Clark's Orchard-fence, put the 2 oldest calves therein, P M bot 4 Pear-trees, set them out, went down (after spreading a little more dung on Tanbrook field) to Capt Norton's agreed with him to come & engraft in our orchard Jonas has work'd a little for me, Ira & Hiram plow'd Tanbrook field-had his horse for a part of the team-4 in No- pastures on high land look green, meadows begin to come on slowly, In the morn'g air still, clouds compact & smother, 8 Oclock a moderate breeze began to blow from N W clouds broken, P M wind strengthen'd, NW pretty clear Sky
- 24th Thursday-Jonas & I dug stones in the N E part of the Sheep-pasture Ira & Hiram cart'd 10 loads of barn-manure. All the snow is now of sight except a few detach'd pieces on Woodford Mts & Carpenter hill- Flying clouds with a chilly wind N W, some frost last night, quite cold this eve-
- 25th Friday Myself & Jonas have been digging stones in the W pasture contiguous to the young Orchard. Ira & Hiram cart'd 13 loads of dung-had but 1 cart- Sky serene, air chilly in forepart of the day- mild toward the close wind N W

26th Saturday- Dug stone, & mended some fence, before it stomm'd
Ira & Hiram carted 5 loads of dubg on to the field adjoining
the young orchard, this is where they've carried all
the other loads, there are acres in what has been plow'd
since Mond'y, In the fore part & middle of this

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day we've experienc'd a verry inclement S E rain mingl'd
with some hail in the P M it didn't storm much of any
consequence, the Mts were white by snow in this part of the
day. I had no work done, but went to town did some business
there- The wind has been verry chilly from S E thro, the
day, in the evening it rain'd slow & fine.

27th Sunday- Heard Mr John Davis preach- Morn'g air damp &
chilly- rest of the day mild, verry cloudy not much wind,
wind S in the day-time at n'g rain N W

28th Monday A M assisted the boys about loading the cart-did
some other trifles, P M Mr Duncan work'd here while Hiram
was gone to mill- which was about 2 1/2 hours- he took his
grists- & went home & return'd the hors- we finish'd cart
ing dung some time before night- put a load of hay in
to the horse Stable here ends the labor for this day- Our
hay in the barn is now consum'd- were only 1 1/2 Ton left
in part of a stack & some in horse Stable which is of the
first rate, being late, cut hay cattle like it much better-
The weather was quite unsestl'd, in A M it drizz- drizl'd
next to & on the Mountains- P M toward night had quite a
shower in this quarter, wind S E till tow'd eve- then N W

29th Tuesday- Jonas & I work'd till late in the P M mending
brush fence round Mrs Street's pasture- Hiram was with us
till 1 in the P M. I then sent him home where he bor'd a
few posts. I was verry much spent when I got home, but a
supper bro't me to life again, A M Ira got some lime up to
the meeting H for leaching. he & Father sat out 4 E
nglish poplar in the door yard. P M Ira cross-plow'd in the
the Tracy field- Verry cloudy A M, P M more broken, had some
rain, wind N W

30th Wednesday- A M Myself & Mr Thomas with Hiram spread dung.
Jonas & Ira plow'd former with Oxen, latter with hors's
P M Hiram & I finish'd spreading dung 2 Oclock, after this
we got out 4 loads of manure, Ira finish'd plowing
his piece sun an hour & half high, this P M Jonas & Mr Thom
es dug Stone, Flying detach'd clouds, high wind, air chilly,
pretty cool at night for the season

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1st Thursday- A M sow'd 2 1/2 spring wheat on to an acre & 3/4
it was plant'd last year with corn & was call'd the sheep-
field by way of distinction because it lies next to the
Sh pasture, after I had finish'd sowing, I help'd the boys
some about plowing in the seed. Ira has plow'd in seed all
day with the hors's Hiram has harrow'd after him, they finish'd
the piece, in the P M I made Garden, Mr Thomas & Jonas

dug stone all day, I shall here give the NO of my cattle,
 1st 10 Cows 1 Yoke of Oxen 2d 2,3 years old 4th 7,2
 years old, 5th 6 Yearlings & 8 calves, all in good health
 save 2 viz a young cow, & a n year old steer belonging to
 Hiram- both will do well as soon as grass grows, the heifer
 I've nurs'd, by giving her corn & keeping her in the meadow,
 there are 28 Sheep & 16 Lambs, of the horse-kind, we have
 4, exclusive of Ira's span. Our young cattle ran out in the
 woods today, kept the cows at home, we've got a sufficiency
 of good straw besides the hay I mentioned the other day,
 Forest trees are about as naked as they were a month ago.
 Fruit trees about the same, there's some wild flowers in the
 woods, grass comes on slowly- It was verry cloudy & windy
 all the morn'g, a little before noon there was a smart
 squall of rain, with some hail, in P M verry squally, high cold
 cold wind N W

2nd Friday- I have sown 2 small (small) pieces with Oats, the
 one S of the house in the meadow which Ira plow'd in, in AM
 Hiram harrow'd after him the other is the E side of Tracy-
 field, this Hiram harrow'd in, while Ira crosse-finsih'd
 cross plowing on the W side, I completed one square in the
 garden for planting. Mr Thomas & Jonas have been digging
 stone in the W pasture, high flying clouds with a steady
 cold wind from the N W The tops of the trees, on E Mt had
 snow on them till 10 oclock A M Goose-berry bushes are
 leaving out

3d Saturday- It was 10 oclock A , when I finish'd sowing. whih
 was on the W side of Tracy field about an acre of it is
 sown with Flax seed- on the S end, N end, is sown with
 Barley, Hiram harrow'd it in, I guess Ira carted 12 loads
 of manure on to the triangular field- all this I help'd
 him do- also, have assist'd Jonas about his part of the

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Garden & plant'd principal part of my own, in the morning
 some white frost air smelt sweet, a few clouds in the E,
 P M clear till a little before night it was then some
 cloudy wind N W- a verry spring like day-

4th Sunday didn't attend meeting. A pretty warm day some
 sloudy wind S- Briar- Elder & willow are leaving out-

5th Monday Spent chief of my time the garden- Jonas with me,
 Mr Thomas has spread dung to day- Ira & Hiram both plow'd.
 A M the latter carri'd out some dung P M Ira kept the horses
 agoing till night, this was on the field next to Y'g Orchard
 It was verry smokey thro the whole day & cloudy too in
 fore part of it with a ~~few~~ few drops of rain, less so in
 P M, it was also verry warm, till middle P M the wind then
 blew considerably from N W, grass grows finely- only 24 hours
 has produc'd a great change in all kinds of vegetation-
 Wheat & Rye are in a verry thriving state- currant bush has
 put forth its leaves, the Elm-Black cherry &c are fast
 approaching to a vivid hue- other trees are not far behind
 them-

7th Tuesday- A M mended the Shad-bone fence between the Y-Orhard
 & the plow-field, in which Ira & Hiram have been plowing

with a tem of four-they finish'd it at noon. P M
 they plow'd Adam's Garden, I mended fence, th Turn-pike
 comitte ran a line thro our land this P M. The air was ~~xx~~
 clear & cool with wind No W till P M when it was much
 warmer & some smokey, at night cloudy wind S Apple-trees
 are becoming green, some have put out their verdure while
 otherers are in bud, I saw a fire over in N Taunton-to
 warm themselves by I suppose-

7th Wednesday-A M did a number of triffles-plant'd a few
 potatoes &c-Ira mended- Shad-bone-fence-next to the Sh'p
 pasture. P M The boys & I mended fences S end of the Farm
 Messrs Thomas & Gates had the Oxen & hors's

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to plow with, In AM it was of a heavy warm, verry cloudy,
 in the P M we had a slow drizzling rain, which lasted an
 hour or 2, it was much cooler than in the A M, the clouds
 hung on the moun'tns the W N W it has been verry smokey-

8th Thursday- Jonas & I went up in order to dig stone- we
 finally work'd at the business long enough to get a
 small soaking Ira began to plow some it before it rain'd,
 about 2 P M we got out to work again, The boys plow'd &
 I pilled or piled a few stones, near the plow-field,
 turn'd out early, It began to rain about 10 A M continu'd
~~night~~ until 2 P M, it began to rain again just night con
 tinue'd so till I went to bed, Maple begin to shew them
 selves-Wild plum blossomed. The wind strong in the S to day
 air cool, N B our hors's are all out to grass the work
 hors's excepted-

9th Friday A M Jonas & I dug stones- the Boys plow'd, nothing
 done P M The air some chilly in the A M Wind N W-verry
 cloudy, in the P M it rain'd hard & verry stead with high
 wind N W- It is that or the Shadtrees that has blown out, in
 stead of the plumb-tree-mention'd yesterday-

10th Friday-Saturday-We were verry busy in mending fences. The
 Mountains were white with snow-it lay on the tops of the
 trees till noon, the air was chilly-flying clouds wind N W

11th Sunday-Heard a New minister, but did not learn his name,
 A white frost last night, the air was chilly-clear with
 some flying clouds-We turn'd our cows out to grazes in
 the pasture

12th Monday- Not to be particular, it will suffice to say, that
 the boys cross-plow'd in the A M Jonas furrow'd a piece
 containg 2 A's two P M he furrow'd an

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other field of the same bigness-one way- 2 Acres planted
 with Corn one only 2 an acre plow'd, Billing Thomas rode
 horse. A pretty fair day, air temperate cool breezes N W
 at night S W Snow still on the mountains- Our Spring wheat
 's a coming up- Thro' hurry & forgetfulness I omitted

mentioning that out last rain storm was a very severe one, and that a large quantity of water fell at the time, which has rais'd the streams a good deal-

13th

Tuesday I shall use brevity in speaking of this day, We planted about 3 Acres with corn & Potatoes, beside 2 rows of Potatoes around a field before plant'd with corn, beside Jonas & Ira, Adam work'd for me to day, Mr Duncan from middle of P M till night, It is so that I can say I have finish'd planting for this season, the No of acres planted are about 5-in 3 fields. Vegetation comes forward verry rapidly A midling warm, but some cloudy & some smokey day wind South-

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Wednesday A M Jonas & I set the bean polls, planted beans &c did some other Trifles such as housing the Sleds-Ira took the hors's & plow'd some for Adam Ira & Hiram under took to pile stone in the Meadow, toward noon, but the rain beat them off, in the P M I reckon'd with Adam Waters & found that he is indebted to me 1 dollar & 21 cents, no other business done this P M at least of importance, It was verry cloudy this morn'g & smokey along toward noon it began to rain, so that the P M was what might be term'd a broken one Wind in the S- cold-the Peach, plumb & some of the young Cherry trees have put forth their blossoms- My Oats Barley & Flax have come up & look pretty well too. Forrests on the low lands have become quite green, The Beach among many other trees has just shot out its leaves, tho' the small or young trees of that sort are still in the bud. @ I shall set out for Dr Hopkins's to morrow & shall leave this Journal to kept until my return, by my son, Benj Harwood. My Father having given this in to my care, I shall follow the King of Prussia's mode of writing, I E

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I shall not use the words I & Me, but write the same as if I were a lookeron- Hiram Harwood-

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Thursday- Mr Harwood began his journey after getting every thing in readies. About 1 in the P M- this A M Jonas & Ira mended Fence- Hiram was with them after he had written a letter to his uncle Jared, in the P M Jonas & Ira plow'd & fenc'd a vineyard- Hiram & his Grandfather assisted. The Oxen & work hors's were turn'd out to pasture we have about a 100 cwt of hay left & some straw beside, some-time ago the Elm was mention'd as being verry forward, but this was a mistake for it is only in the bud at this time. Tho it may be that some leaves have come out, It was a good day for business some flying clouds, cool wind N W

16th

Friday-morning the first job of any consequence, was to pare the feet of several of the most roguish Sheep in the Flock, some of these poor animals had to be encumber'd with heavy clogs & have their feet par'd till they almost bled, after this affair was over, Jonas Ira & Hiram & his Grandfather, pull'd cockle from out of the Wheat, P M Jonas & the Boys heap'd stones in N Meadow. the old gentleman sow'd hay

seed on to the ground, it being poorly stock'd before. Mr Duncan had 5 bushels of Potatoes here today, Mr Hunt had 2 Bhls of Rye of us, A Sugar Pedlar came along here just at night- more shall be said of him to morrow, A fair day-some cloudy wind in the North West-

17th

Saturday. Jonas was gone to Hoosac, Ira had to go (in the morn'g) & find Jonas Wetherbee Mare & after that help his Father ring a couple of Hogs, all of this done He & Hiram went & help'd Mr Thomas plant his corn on bad hoeing- it being green sward badly plow'd

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The Boys got there about 9 in A M, Ira staid till after dark, but Hiram start'd for home before Sun-down, this field belongs to Mr J Cushman. The weather was fine today, some smokey in the A M but clearer in the P M, midling warm-with wind N W- The whippoorwill was heard stynight. The Pedler spoken of yesterday gave us 15 lbs of sugar for 2 Bhls of Rye the sugar at 8 pence per lb & Rye at 5/0 per bhl Every days sunshine produces great alteration in the vegetable world. Wheat grows verry thrivingly Theres 2 acres of Rye in Mr Harwoods Wheat-field that does not look verry promising, tho it may be good Rye yet, his Wheat was the clearest from cockle this year of any he has had some seasons back-

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Sunday. Those that attend public worship, went either on foot or on Horse-back one Horse being gone, so that the wagon couldn't be tackl'd Warm & a little smokey, a few thin light clouds, wind from N W fore part of the day-at night South, many trees are now leav'd out on the mount'n, some Apple Trees have begun to blossom, Cherry-tree too, The old mare brot a fine colt las Friday night-

19th

Monday A M Jonas & Hiram dug stone. Ira went up to Major Norton's and got the Dutch Mare shod & piled 3 heaps of stones, in the P M all three dug stones, Good weather, pretty warm fore part of the day, but in the P M some cooler-wind in the N W till toward night, it was then in the South, a little smokey-thin hazy clouds- Mr Wm Norton had 5 bhls potatoes here today. The Walnut, Butternut Ash or to spell it right Ash & Black-birch have just put out their leaves, Straw-berry-vines &c are in blow.

20th

Tuesday- All the Sheep except the few that were done before had to have their feet par'd, after this was done, Jonas & Hiram went to dgging

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stones in P M they or at least Jonas laid upwards of a rod of wall, which is about 3 feet thick & 4 1/2 high, he began his wall at the S E corner of the West pasture. This pasture is bound'd on the North by the Young orchard West by the Woods pasture, South by a pasture lying between it Capt Norton's line & the Sug' Orchard, East by the Tracy field Hiram drew stones. Ira work'd for Jonas with the Hors's at

drawing Board & wood for Dr Swift, In the fore part of the day it was a good deal smokey- some cloudy-the air was pretty warm in A M but in the P M it was cool'd by a Southern breeze-signs of rains. Grandfather put up a new pair of bars to the Garden-

21st

Wednesday-Jonas laid 3 Rods of wall & assisted some in drawing heavy stones. Mr Thomas & Hiram drew stones, Ira was unable to work to day. Not so warm This A M as yesterday in the same part of the day at the same time it was warm weather, in the P M it grew a good deal colder toward night by having a cold chilly wind from S E, it was smokey. some cloudy at night, a ridge of them hung on the E Mountain-

22d

Thursday- Jonas laid 2 Rods of wall to day besides helping draw all the large Stones & digging too. A M Duncan & Hiram were kept very busy drawing small Stones. Hiram met with a small misfortune just at night by having his arm caught between sharp stone and a large pry as it fell to the ground, he was very careless or it wouldn't have been done. Ira with the Waggon & Hor's remov'd the fence on the line of this wall all only that which is on the N North of the Sugar-orchard- This is standing-the rails which Ira remov'd were erect'd into a fence by his Father on the E side of the Sugar-orchard, he laid most of it 4 rails in height, it begins at Capt Norton's line & runs North till it strikes the line of the New wall. The old gentleman was much beat out.

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at night after laying 45 Rod of rail fence, Mr Bliss had a bushel of Rye here of Jonas, Mr John Stockwell had yesterday bbls potatoes & bhl to day-Corn just begins come out of the ground on gravelly ground, to guard against Crows- Corn is sown over the ground. The sky was somewhat clouded in the morning-but pretty clear the rest of the day- Wind S-temperate

23d

Friday-Jonas had the good fortune to get about 4 Rods of his wall laid up Mr Thomas & Ira drew stones in the A M with the Oxen the off ox complain'd dreadfully of the heat so that he had to be turn'd out before noon in the P M the Stones were drawn by Horses, Mr Duncan & Hiram dug stones- In the A M the sky was clear, but was clouded some in P M by smoke there were several fires on the mountains to day in Pownal- Last night was a cold one-some frost, it was pretty cold this morn'g but rather temperate the rest of the day Wind N in A M, P M South-Apple-trees at blooming height Strawberry blows pretty plenty this season

24th

Saturday in the A M Jonas & Ira went on to the West side Mt Anthony to assist in putting out a fire which has been there a day or 2- it was right above Mr Stamard's improvements & on his land, but had not got this side of the Mt it is said to have done some damage. Jonas & Ira return'd about noon, while they were absent Mr Thomas drew stones with the horse Mr Duncan & Hiram dug stones. P M all hands went to wash our Sheep at Gen. Safford's Bridge. Hiram Mr Duncan & Ira went into the water, Jonas & Mr Thomas handed

Sheep, after this was done Mr Thomas Mr Duncan Jonas & Ira finish'd piling Stones in the North Meadow-Hiram after washing Sheep went on to the Court House hill in order to get a Book, was hinder'd, did not get home till Sun 1 1/2 high, he felt rather weak-went to writing- The fire was

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not entirely extinguish'd in the A M for it began to smoke a good deal so as to alarm those who were most interest'd in it-they went up again in P M & put a stop to it. It is said that some of Mr Freeborn Watson's Boys first set this fire- The sky was clear some of the time & some of the time cloudy wind South at night pretty warm in P M. Corn comes up pretty well & it is fear'd to well for some of it comes up by the roots some by Crows & some by Squirrels-Corn is sown round all our Cornfields most expos'd- 10 Rods of wall laid this week-

25. Sunday in the P M Ira tackl'd waggon & went to Church-It has been warm day-the sky was smokey-not much cloudy till P M towards night we had a short shower accompanied with thunder, This shower was a timely one this will revive grass &c a good deal, wind N W

26 Monday Jonas laid 4 Rods of wall- in the A M Mr Thomas drew stones with the Oxen, Hiram was gone to mill with the work hors's-or they would have us'd them instead of Oxen, Mr Duncan dug stones in the A M but did not work in the P M in the P M Mr Thomas & Hiram drew stones with the hors's Ira took the old Fay Mare & went in quest of a horse after traversing half Pownal, he return'd about 5 P M without finding any he then took one of his own span & went down to Gen. Walbridge's but what luck he met with there is not known. Pretty cloudy in the morn'g- but was clear along toward noon-thin hazy clouds in the P M it has been a very good day for business cool breezes from N W yesterday's rain liven'd up grain verry much. Beans-some of the earliest planted Potatoes & some cucumbers have come up. Garden vegetables in general have come up, some Rye heads have come out full length while others are half out, few of the Apple trees that bore last year, blossom'd this year it was somewhat smokey today. Ira found a very likely horse at Mathews's-bargain private, he got Home late at night.

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27th Tuesday Mr Thomas & Mr Duncan work'd on the Highway for Mr Harwood, & Hiram continu'd too, Jonas & Ira work'd for themselves. The sun has not shone really clear thro the whole day because of the smoke, the air was cool'd by a steady Southern breeze, the clouds curdley & began to gather in the North-West, for 3 or 4 days past there has been a pretty brisk fire on the E Mountain in Pownal not far from Gov'r Robinson's pine Lot-

28th Wednesday Jonas & Ira work'd on the Highway for Mr Benj Harwood & his son also, It was, warm, dry, smokey & cloudy. Rain is now wanting some of the time the wind was in the S and some of the time N W-

29th

Thursday Mr Harwood had 4 men on the Highway-Jonas-half a day, Mr Gates whole day Mr Thomas & Hiram-one span of Hors's-all day, so that Mr Harwood has work'd out all his Highway rate except 40 cents, which is to be put on to his own road. The sky was clear from clouds in the A M tho' it was pretty smokey & quite warm, in the fore part of the P M the wind blew fresh from N W so that it cool'd the air a good deal many flying clouds, but the sky was verry serene toward night & not so smokey. The fire in Pownal is pretty small it has been driven up the mount so as to be out of the way. This day make the 2d that Mr Gates has work'd for Mr Harwood on the Roads

30th

Friday in the A M the Sheep were shear'd by Jonas & his Father except 3 that Ira shear'd, he had bad luck in not finding a good pair of Shears after runing from one place to another & being disappointed at every one he finally bo't a New pair, late in the A M Mr Thomas & Hiram went to drawing stones, this was chief of their business thro' the day in the P M Jonas laid 3 Rods of Wall & Ira dug stones- The countenance of the Sun was like blood at rising but soon hid himself behind the clouds for it has been verry cloudy thr the whole of this day with many signs of rain, it sprinkled some in the middle of day & rain'd a little at night wind S Verry smoke indeed more than ordinary- warm

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Saturday Jonas laid up 3 Rods of Wall, Mr Stockwell & Ira drew the stones in the P M they drew a few loads with the cart & Oxen, this is the first time the cart has been us'd at this wall, the Hors's work'd on the Boat today. Mr Thomas dug stones Hiram was with him, the latter at night had to take a load of wood over to Mr Gates's for his uncle Jonas-it was verry cloudy all the forepart of the day-had many signs of rain, but in the P M the clouds began to break away so that it finally clear'd off in the evening. pretty warm till toward night when it was some cooler wind Still some time P M it was then in the N W the whole length of our wall is 20 rods & what has been thrown up this week is 10 rods. Black-cherry is in blow-

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Sunday -morning Hiram went up to Mr Zach Harwoods with the waggon & Hors's & brot Leinda home, Ira went to meet ing with the good people of the house, Mr Wrathbone preach'd The weather was pretty warm & cloudy with wind in the South, in the P M we had a driving shower of rain which lasted 2 or 3 hours, the sun shone out a little after the rain, the air was verry pure & much cooler than before to the shower. The Birds are verry musical at the return of fair weather, it seem'd to put new life in to everything almost all our vegetables had a suffer'd for want of rain many spots in wheat-fields had turn's a kind of yellow couloer, but this rain will bring (its) it to its natural verdure- It must be remark that this storm was attended with considerable Thunder.

2d

Monday In the A M the Tanbrook field North part was hoed out & a number of rows in the Triangular field in the P M this field was finish'd off Mr Thomas & Mr Stockwell hoed here today- Ira didn't get into the field till 9 this morn'g till that time he was absent on business of his own, Hiram was one that hoed today, Jonas plow'd among corn Loan Dewey rode horse- In consequence of a

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Neighbor's Geese having pull'd up many hills of corn in Tan'b field Potatoes & Beans had to be plant'd in its stead, Mr Thomas & Jonas say they never saw pumkin-vines look better at this season than they do in the last mention'd field. NB Jonas kill'd off many of his hens & shut the rest up, when he found they had pull'd corn- The wind was high in the N W this morning, cool & cloudy, perhaps it would be proper to call this morn'g a cold one for it was quite chilly & uncomfortable- The P M was verry clear & a good deal warmer, at night the wind was tho't to be in the South-

3d

Tuesday morning Jonas & the rest of his men work'd in the Garden till 8 oclock they then went & hoed till noon- Mr Thomas & Mr Stockwell work'd here this A M. No work done here in the P M-all went to training, The sky was a little hazy with wind in the South, the morn'g was cold, everything in the open air was wet with a heavy dew that fell last night, it has been a pretty warm day- Here ends my Journal, my Father arriv'd here about noon today, if ther's anything to be said of his journey, it is probable he will say it himself- here stands my name ---- Hiram Harwood, son of Benj'n Harwood--

4th

Wednesday, I shall not say anything of my journey till I have a better opportunity, time at present will not (at) admit of it- After pulling weeds in the Garden awhile we went to hoeing corn & I'm glad to say that I have done hoeing for the first time, it was 1 in the P M when we got thro' with it, the rest of the P M we dug stones, Mr Stockwell work'd for me till noon I then dismiss'd him his work here has been for Potatoes- he had while I was gone 4 bushels so that he has a little over-paid me, his work 3/0 day Potatoes 2/0 per bhl- Mr Duncan work for me today, Jonas & Ira too- Verry clear day, cold morn'g but warm day wind S at night-

5th

Thursday Jonas lengthen'd the wall 4 Rods, I dug stones till toward noon I then took the Hors's & boat from the Boys & set them to diging (they had before this been to work with the hors's & didn't go quite so spry as I wish'd to have them)

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in the P M the Boys went with the cart & oxen drawing small siz'd stones I went myself with the Boat & hors's drawing in big ones for foundation, (I've) my hors's plagu'd me some today, one of them didn't understand the game verry well, but they did pretty well- It has been a

warm day, the sky hazy-thick clouds in the South thro' the whole day, wind N W until a little before night it was then S- I must say that I was verry tir'd (to) at night-

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Friday in the A M I carted Stones, the Boys went with the hors's & Boat I turn'd out my Oxen a little before noon & didn't get them up again today. The Boys kept their team agoing till night. P M I assisted brother Jonas about laying wall rods of it has been laid today-The fore part of this day was verry warm, the heat was more tolerable in the P M because the air stir'd more, in fore part of P M wind N but at night S W. There was a line of clouds in the Eastern part the horizon in the A M otherwise it was pretty clear, in the P M in P M there were many thunder-heads in sight, who seem'd to menace a shower, but we had none of that, for which, we so much wish'd distant thunder heard

7th

Saturday Jonas & I laid about 5 Rods of wall. I have done building wall for the present on this side of the Pasture The W end of the wall strikes the N E corner of our Sugar orchard, its length is 38 rods including a bar-way 4 paces wide, Hiram & Ira drew stones with the Boat & hors's, Jonas & I had to dig some stones in the P M It has been hot day, still there were cooling breezes from the Southard, in the morning the clouds ran low, it was a good deal cloudy thro the day, wind S- Black-berry-brambles have begun to blow out. Strawberries just begin to ripen-corn grows fastn now, all my other grain looks pretty promising. clover is in blow-I shall here take a summary

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review of my late journey. May 15th in the P M I sat away for my place of destination, arriv'd at Vergeenes the Saturday following Staid here till Monday. I pursu'd my rout till I reach'd Charlotte, here I left my mare with Mr John Coburne, At Shelburne I crossed Lake Champlain on the 20th travel'd 22 miles from the Lake-shore, put up at Averris's in the town of Peru, was verry much fatigu'd. 22d I travel'd 29 miles on the same rout, arriv'd at the S Chatagee-woods, slept at a Mr Remroy's, the fartherest I travel'd between houses was 6 miles, 23d went over 31 miles this day, staid at Seely's just beyond Milcan, the longest distance I found bewteen houses was of 5 miles 24th I ended my journey, here I found Dr. Hopkins & his family well, the town in which he lives is verry new, its name is Hopkinton, Hopkins owns a saw-mill & Grist-mill- I tarri'd here from Friday night till Tuesday morn'g (I came back the same road) I return'd on the road upon which I went, the first day after I left Hopkinton, which was the 28th I travel'd 36 miles, put up at a Mr Dunham's found good accomodations here, far beyond what might be expected in a country so newly settled 29th 35 miles to day-sup'd & lodg'd at Robinson's tavern, if it deserves the name, for I am sure a man can't find many worse taverns, in this country, than I found here- I came off early the next morning, took breakfast at Judge Newcombs, which is 5 miles this side of Robinsons, at the last mention'd place **

* I mean at Newcombs's

I had no reason to complain I travel'd 35 miles before I reach'd Fairchild's Ferry, at this place I cross'd the Lake. Log'd at Mr Coborne's, by whom I was well receiv'd, being old neighbors well met, while on this route I have visited several of my old neighbors, who were very well pleas'd, at seeing me & from them I receiv'd the kindest treatment I could wish for, so that I was at home, under any of their roofs- I arriv'd at home on the 3d June with out meeting with any material accident, more than Laming my mare, but while at Mr Coborn's she recover'd- I perform'd the whole of my journey on W side of the Lake wholly on foot-

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8th

Sunday Attended public worship. The weather has been very warm today, more so in the (P M) A M than the P M because in the P M the North W blew up pretty strong. it was a good deal cloudy, in the A M but not so much in the P M A shower appear'd in the N W but before it could get here it broke in pieces, it thundr'd some -Last night it thundered & lightened stoutly, but in this vicinity we had but very little rain, no more than a common dew-

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Monday myself Jonas Ira & my son, hoed corn for Mr Thomas, on Cushnan's farm, it was pretty bad hoeing, it being green sward plow'd up this spring- In the A M the clouds began to form into large compact bodies about 8 oclock, mostly to the E & S of us, so that in (an) a short time they began to shower down on to (over) those places over which they were situated, & I expected we should have had it here, for it rain'd in Woodford & in Pownal, but chance prevented, it thundr'd some, in P M we had clouds on the N E & S of us, & toward night a small cloud came over the WM'tn but no rain we have had clear sky over our heads most of the day, only once in awhile a small cloud would pass over us; it was exceeding hot in the A M & till 3 in the P M, it then began to grow more comfortable, the S wind blew up strongly-

10th

Tuesday- In the A M myself Jonas & the Boys work'd in the garden, in the P M we dug stones for the wall, This A M Light thin clouds came from the South, while the sun shone upon us from a clear sky, it was very hot, but when under a cloud it was quite tolerable, about 2 in the P M it began to thicken up in the N W & I thot we soon should have a shower, but I was disappointed, it continu'd very cloudy & menacing until about sun-set, it then rain'd a little, about enough to lay the dirt. I have heard but little thunder today, strong wind from South-
I believe we shan't have much spring grain, if we don't have rain pretty soon, our pastures do not thrive any at present, my wheat looks extraordinary well now--.

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11th

Wednesday We began a new wall on the N side of W pasture dividing it from the young-orchard, Jonas laid about 5 rods of it today. Ira & Hiram drew the larger stones with Boat & Horses & I went with cart & oxen drawing smaller ones. I assisted Jonas some while my team were resting- this morn'g

after sunrise the clouds ran verry low & waw verry foggy on Mt & Hills for awhile. while this fog lasted the air was verry cool but about 9 in the A M the Sun began to break out between the clouds pretty hot, the clouds grew thiner, so that in most of the P M it was clear over our heads, while we were surrounded by heavy clouds on all d sides except on the W, but it was cloudy some after sun-set, it was not verry warm this P M good weather for business, wind N W till a little before night it then veer'd about in to the S heard distant thunder P M Rye is in blossom, one field of corn grows verry fast, the ground being verry suitable to corn. Ripe Strawberries are plenty now at this time-

12th

Thursday I dug & help'd pick up small stones & put them in the cart, Jonas assisted Ira about drawing large stones (on to)- P M Jonas began his wall at the S W corner of the Orchard, so that it may meet that which he laid yesterday, the Boys drew stone with the Hors's, I took some of the Fence that stood where this wall is to stand & top-rail'd the Fence between the Great Ledge & Tracy-field, drew a few loads of stone beside- Early in the morn(in) it rain'd here a little, I heard it thunder pretty hard & thot that we should get a shower, but it was not so. it was verry cloudy in the A M & warm- P M the sky was cover'd by a thin haze much cooler than in the A M The wind blew strong from N W- Winter wheat is now heading, the Cyprus is blown out, I must here notice my Garden, the dorught keeps it back, so that many of our seeds did not come up at all, the Onions are verry thin, other sauce, except Beets are about the same. Beets grow pretty well considering the season, the seed came from the Shakers- of the Blood kind-

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- 13th Friday Mr Thomas & I dug many large stones today-I felt pretty tired at night, Jonas laid 4 rods of wall, the Boys drew the stones for it. The sky was bespangl'd with thin hazy clouds in the A M, P M it cloud'd up thick & smooth & look'd likely for rain, but they broke away & the Sun set clear. A M the air was verry temperate but in the P M it was (cooler) warmer wind N W-I kept a tin pedlar his Boy & 3 hors's last night gave his horse a mess of oats- charg'd him 5/4-
- 14th Saturday Myself & Mr Thomas pursu'd the business of diging stonees in the A M in the P M we were some of the time diging stone & some of the time making a road to the wall, for the Stone-Boat to go in, we have no carri'd our wall on to the N side of a large Nole-hill, the ground is here bad it being sidling & rough, so that Jonas laid up only 3 rods of wall. Ira has been drawing stone with the hors's verry steady, Hiram assisted him in the A M, but I'm sorry to say that he did but little in the P M. A heavy dew fell last night pretty cool in the morn'g but the rest of the day was warmer than it was yesterday, a little cloudy-clear at night wind N W-
- 15th Sunday Attended meeting-Mr Marsh preach'd A M Mr Rawson how ~~much~~ he suit'd the people in general I know not, but I can say for one that I do not like him- At sunrse it was clear, but it soon clouded over with a stiff wind N W it rain'd some to day & a small some it was too, it contin'd cloudy till middle P M it soon after clear'd off wind N W the air has been verry cool for this season-
- 16th Monday .After being hinder'd a good deal I got into the field, Jonas & I work'd hard today, but did not get the wall forward'd a great deal, It is a verry slow job on account of its being on a side hill, we had to plow a road above the wall to draw the stone in beside fixing a level for the wall to stand up on, so that it takes in many more stones than it would if it stood on level ground, Hiram & I drew stone with the hors's, what plowing we did, it was done with oxen-This day the sun

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was totally eclipsed for the space of 3 minutes & 5 seconds the middle of it was 11 O'clock minutes, it began to come on 9 O'clock & minutes, went off O'clock and minutes in the P M its whole duration hours & Minutes while the eclipse was total I plainly saw several Stars; and it was verry cold; I believe it was as dark as it is at 9 in the evening; the Birds stop'd singing retir'd to roost; there was but 2 or 3 clouds to be seen during the A M the sky was verry serene till after the Eclipse, it soon after became cloudy & a hazy sky; at night rain; seeds were verry thick-the air has been cool today Wind N

July 1st. A very hot day. The sun was shining brightly. The wind was from the south. The temperature was 85 degrees. The humidity was 75%. The air was very sticky. The ground was very dry. The plants were very dry. The animals were very dry. The people were very dry. The world was very dry.

July 2nd. A very hot day. The sun was shining brightly. The wind was from the south. The temperature was 85 degrees. The humidity was 75%. The air was very sticky. The ground was very dry. The plants were very dry. The animals were very dry. The people were very dry. The world was very dry.

July 3rd. A very hot day. The sun was shining brightly. The wind was from the south. The temperature was 85 degrees. The humidity was 75%. The air was very sticky. The ground was very dry. The plants were very dry. The animals were very dry. The people were very dry. The world was very dry.

July 4th. A very hot day. The sun was shining brightly. The wind was from the south. The temperature was 85 degrees. The humidity was 75%. The air was very sticky. The ground was very dry. The plants were very dry. The animals were very dry. The people were very dry. The world was very dry.

July 5th. A very hot day. The sun was shining brightly. The wind was from the south. The temperature was 85 degrees. The humidity was 75%. The air was very sticky. The ground was very dry. The plants were very dry. The animals were very dry. The people were very dry. The world was very dry.

July 6th. A very hot day. The sun was shining brightly. The wind was from the south. The temperature was 85 degrees. The humidity was 75%. The air was very sticky. The ground was very dry. The plants were very dry. The animals were very dry. The people were very dry. The world was very dry.

17th

Tuesday In the A M we wrok'd at the wall I had to quit it for the rain in the P M we transplant d Cabbages, My Father's Tobacco was also transplanted, a little before night I sent Ira off with the old Waggon down to Babet to be mended- The weather was verry suitable yo my wishes, it was cloudy all the morning in the middle of the day we had a smart shower of rain, in this short shower more rain fell than in a whole fortnight before, it continu'd verry cloudy the whole P M toward night it thunder'd some at a distance, midling warm In the P M wind South- Mr Thomas has work'd 1 1/2 day for me at Gates hoeing

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Wednesday In the A M after the shower we transplant'd Beets, this leads me to observe, that besides the root just nam'd our Garden sauce, is pretty thin Onions Carrots & Parsnips are verry poor, I suppose the drought has pinch'd them. Beans Cucumbers & Cabbages do pretty well before noon we went to work on the wall, Jonas went to laying up Hiram & I dug the material from a Ledge near the East end of that wall we are now building. Ira drew them with the Boat & Hors's, we compleated that part of the wall which is the side of the Nole, here we end'd our days work, in another part of this wall east of that just finish'd there's aboutt 3 rods (that is) of it to top off. This mornng the clouds ran low & it rain'd verry hard for a little while after this it was foggy on the Mountains, toward

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noon the fog left the mountains, had a drizzling rain the clouds were smooth & bid fair for a steady rain, but after the middle P M it did not storm any it however continu'd cloudy until eve. it was then clear. wind has blown steady from N W so that it has not been a warm day- Last night we had a tremendous (a) Thunder storm in which a vast quantity of rain must have fallen- I measur'd a pail that stood open in the rain, found 2 1/2 inches of water in it, in this shower there was some hail, but not to do any damage, the lightning was dreadful, & we had some heavy peels of thunder. this shower I believe begun aboutt 10 in the evening & lasted with some intervals until after Sunrise-

19th

Thursday Hoeing was the business of the day. I plow'd in the A M & Ira in the P M the gravelly field was finish'd & about half of the Tanbrook field- Mr Thomas work'd dfor me today Mr Gates was here in the P M, Jonas was not here, Ira & Hiram hinder'd sme in the P M by killing a Wood-chuck, but the animal was a large ~~one~~ of the kind so that their time was not lost. My Corn does not appear to be injur'd much by the drought it all looks verry thrifty but other Spring-grain I believe (it) has been hurt, perhaps it has ruin'd some fields, but I think mone is now gaining verry fast, my Spring-wheat has liven'd up a good deal since the rain, it

it has produc'd great effects upon Flax Oats & Barley, also upon grass & upon vegetables that grows- Tho' a great deal of water fell in this rain, yet our little Brook that runs by my house has been rais'd but little. There was a large dew this morn'g & the air was cool, but the rest of the day was middling warm the sky was not clear in the A M but not really cloudy. P M it was a good deal cloudy & look'd much like rain, clear in the evening- wind SW

20th

Friday- I compleat'd my hoeing for a 2d time, Mr A Waters assisted in the A M, I let my team & a man go to draw a load of Wood for him in the P M, to pay him for his half day; Jonas was here to work, Mr Jack Street has rode horse for me 2 days

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In the A M it was verry cloudy & seem'd likely to rain, but it began to break away a little P M, the sun beat down verry violently, so it was I call a hot afternoon, tho' the A M was cool, not to be particular I shall only remark that a shower gather'd in the W with much thunder, but it ceas'd soon after it began to rain. this shower was short, but a considerable rain fell while it lasted, warm evening, at which time the wind was N W

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Saturday I began to break up Green-sward at the E end of the West pasture, my team was a Yoke of Oxen & Span of Horses Hiram was my driver. It was an excellent day to plow with my oxen, as I could wish for, only it was a little squally in the A M. Before Ira went off after the Waggon he & Jonas dug stone in the west part of the W pasture. When Ira went away sun was about an hour & half high, Jonas left the field soon afterwards. I was so deceiv'd by the clouds, that I turn'd out my team about an hour too early. It has been a verry cloudy day, was squally in the A M the wind has blown uncommonly heavy from the West, no wind after sundown, the air was verry cool for this season. I held plow with my waist-coat on all day. At night the wind was N W- Yesterday having occasion to go among my Young Cattle I missed one of them. I immediately made search for her & soon found her dead, in or near the middle of Mrs Streets Pasture, this pasture is where I keep them. I reckon my loss at about 7 dollars the Heifer was a likely yearling, the flies had got to work so that I lost the hide. What was the cause of the death of this animal, I cannot tell, at first I suppos'd it to be lightning, but I now think it was some disease-

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Sunday Attended public worship. A verry pleasant A M air cool some cloudy in the P M considerable warmer with wind South- Just at night I walk'd across my Wheat-field, I tho't it look'd well-

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23d

Monday in the A M my work would have suited me verry well if one of my oxen had not been troubl'd by the heat. In the P M I tho't I would not work the Oxen, but put in 3 hors's, after a long time, we got them tackl'd, one horse before two, but we soon found this would not do, we had to spend some time to get unrig'd. By this time it (had) was cool enough

to work the Oxen, so I yok'd them again & went on with my old team, just at night we took out one of the old hors's Ira tackl'd his young horse in her stead, he went verry well, my Ox stood it pretty well, this P M to con clude, I made out a good days work, Jonas & Ira help'd Mr Gates hoe his beans on my account, they work'd for him till Sun 2 hours high, Ira then went to driving team form me, Jonas & Hiram went to diging stone, it was late when I turn'd out. This filed in which I am now plowing was form erly verry bad to plow on account of many small & large Stones that lay on its surface, but the wall took almost the whole of them off, so that it plows up verry neatly now. It is a fine growing season, Corn grows verry rapidly foliage never appears more beautiful at any season of the year, than it doed now, it flourishes but a little time in the year, on the W mountain, I mean in some parts of it; the Whole Mountain is now cover'd with ab bright verdure; What can be more pleasing to the eye, than to see vastt fields of grain gently waving with every breeze (soft) that glides along. It was warm in the A M but cooler in the P M & showery.

24th Tuedday Hiram & I follow'd our team, while they were re freshing themselves, I finish'd that piece of wall which was left undone, Jonas & Ira I sent to hoe for Mr Thomas. The forepart of the day was verry warm, but it co was cool er in P M some showers pass'd off to the South of us after this it was clear, wind N W heard some thunders

25th Wednesdays My work was the same that it was yesterday. Jonas has been laying Stone-wall on a line beginning at the S W corner of the You

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ung Orchard & running from thence a W S W course till it strikes the N E corner of the Sugar-orchard it is whole Wall of the same dimensions as the other hs has laid before Ira with one of Jonas's hors's and one of my own, drew stone It has look's much like rain the whole of this day the wind West the air was cool'd by the little breezes that came from the mountain. Flax is just beginning to blow. I mean my own, some pieces are out full, I have one piece of Oats that grow verry slow, I don't think they will yield much.

26th Thursday I did not plow so much today as I should have done had I not been hinder'd by the Wall, there being many large stones to get in to it, it demanded all the strength we could muster, Jonas laid wall, Ira drew stones. A clear cool day, wind A M N W P M S W

27th Firday After finishing off a small land in the A M I help'd Jonas lay wall the rest of the day. Hiram with the team & Sled drew off some Wood that lay in the way of our plowing he also carri'd off some rails belonging to the Fence which is on the line of our wall, these rails will be taken to re pair other fences, Ira & his team drew stones for the wall, My Father split up 2 or 3 large stumps, that were verry much in the way. The air was chilly this morning & it was quite cool for this season thro' the day high flying cloud A M

P M a little while it look'd much like rain, but it soon blew over. it continu'd cloudy till after Sun-down, it soon clear'd off, the wind has been N W

28th

Saturday Jonas & I laid wall, of which we built upwards of 4 rods, The Boys kept pretty busy drawing stones with the Oxen but they did not draw all we us'd, for we got a good many from the ledge above the wall. A couple of trifling* accidents happen'd this P M as I was digging out stones, on the side-hill above Jonas he being at work at the wall, it happen'd so, that a smallish stone carelessly slip'd from me, & roll'd down and caught Jonas, thumb

* trifling the E is wrong

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between it & another one, it cut a considerable gash, he went (he went) home & got it bound up. After this affair I dug no more stones on the side-hill, while any one was on that side of the wall. A short time after as I roll'd a pretty large rounding stone from off the Stone-Boat, it took a sudden turn down (the) by the side of the wall, which is downhill, & broke a 3 quart Jug, full of water, this soon made us feel the want of that element to satisfy our thirst we walk'd to a spring about 20 rods west of us, here we drank freely. Flying clouds A M but few of them PM air temperate wind W This week we have had many cold nights. This wk I have plow'd about 4 Acres & have built 14 rods of Wall.

29th

Sunday Attended public worship. A warm day, clouds in large separate bodies - air a little ting'd with smoke - wind South - signs of rain -

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Monday Was a broken day with me. We work'd some in the rain till we found it come too fast for us, we then return'd home soon after this, it ceas'd raining but we spent the A M in the Garden. P M Jonas & I went on & laid (with what was done A M) 3 rods & upwards of wall. Ira & Hiram drew stones with hors's & Boat, our work was stop'd sun about hour high by rain. This morning it was verry lowery - it set in to steady rain which lasted 2 or 3 hrs after this it continu'd verry cloudy what follow'd has been mention'd - The air was mild Wind South.

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Tuesday-Morning We got part of our team ready & intend'd to have gone on with our work, but it began to rain so that we quit the field for this P M Mr Thomas came on - he went with one team & Ira & Hiram the other - Jonas & I laid 3 rods of Wall, this P M Mr Thomas happen'd drive my cart in to a sidling hollow place near the wall with a load upon it, that end of the Axletree which was lowest broke short off against the inside of the wheel - I sent Ira with the team & borrow'd Mr Brown's. I paid up my School debt - to Mr N Mellen which amounted to 3 dolls

This morning early we had one shower-it began to rain again about 7 in the AM it then seem'd likely to be a rainy day but lasted only an hour or 2, it continu'd verry cloudy the rest of AM in P M flying vapors hover'd around the tops of Mountains, but it did not hide the sky the circumambient air was verry clear & temperate-About Sun an hour high it began to thicken up in the South, with thunder at a distance the shower came on about dark or a little before- I shall leave the rest till the morrow- wind South-

2d

Wednesday AM the plow went about two thirds of the way round land-the double whiffle-tree broke, the Hors's were then untackl'd & we took the Oxen & drew stones for the wall on cart-the Hors's kept the Boat & Mr Thomas agoing all day drawing in large & small stones, PM Hiram & Ira after a long fixing plow'd a little (NB I can work 2 spans of Hors's) Mr Gates work'd for me today, diging stone & Bill Thomas was to have driven the team today, but it was so that he did nott in the latter part of the PM he & Myself dug stones from the side-hill above the wall, & to do him justice I must say he is a smart Boy-chief of my business has beent lay wall-Jonas can say our wall has lengthen'd 6 rods this day-The morning was verry pleasant after so much rain as fell in the night-it rain'd verry hard for a little time last night accompanied by considerable thunder & lightning-all this made the morning air sweet wholesome, this AM it was a good deal cloudy-wind S W-some likely for showers, PM not so cloudy yet it was verry cool-some whirlwinds-it was otherwise pretty heavy wind from N W-Corn grows well & other grain too-Grass thrives, it is a flourishing time- My Father cut down 3 or 4 trees that stood in the way of our fallow, after he had done this, he went & pull'd Cockle out of the Wheat, he does not speak verry highly of the grain-says it is short-headed, & thinks it is owing to sowing of it too thick, but I think it is dry-weather that has caus'd it-

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-Friday-We-were-hin) 3d Thursday In the forepart of the day Mr Thomas assisted us a little while he left the field about 9 Oclock at which time Hiram had found the Oxen, He & myself kept them pretty busy drawing Stones the whole day Jonas has stretch'd his wall 3 rods- This day the Reverend Mr Marsh was reinstal'd, Ira went to wait upon the women today- Oats have head'd out now I think of it I will here take notice of one circumstance attending a piece of Oats, containing about an Acre of ground, nearly half of it was plow'd up last fall & the rest this spring, it was all sown at the same time, & got into the ground the same day by a plow (see 2 of May 1806) that part which was plow'd last fall look much the best, on the contrary that which was plow'd last spring is of poor yellow colour & seem to be much more backward- Toward noon it became verry cloudy-a little PM it was some showery with considerable wind, pretty warm AM cooler PM- AM wind S W PM W or N W-

F R I D A Y the F O U R T H of J U L Y . My business was such that I could not attend the celebration of the birth-D A Y of our I N D E P E N D E N C E but I understand that a number of citizens met on Court-House-hill in the P M.

that they spent the day as usual-Mr Orsamus C Merrill was orator of the day- This morning after haveing been hinder'd a little time by not finding the Oxen(they were found in the woods, that being their pasture at present) Hiram & myself drew stones with them until Mr Thomas & Ira found that they could not plow with 3 Hors's, they then took the Oxen & put a span of Horses before them, they work'd in this manner till Sun an Hour high at which time they left the field to join a tea-party, after I gave up the oxen I tackl'd in a span of hors's who I kept verry busy drawing The Boat- Hiram work'd verry well in the AM but he went to town in the PM Jonas made 4 rods off wall,, I was pretty ~~xxxx~~ tir'd at night- Cloudy AM rain'd a little about noon, with wind S W Clouds more dispers'd in the PM & much cooler-wind N W Cherries, Currants & Raspberries have begun to ripen-

*to apoligize for all my mistakes would be folly,
but at this place a capital was wanted

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Saturday Jonas Myself & Hiram made 4 rods off wall-it is probable that this work will be left for some time, perhaps till after sowing--for Haying is now so near at hand, that it will take me a week to get ready; however, what wall we have built, will be a lasting monument of our labour, it will show what can be done by perseverance & labour, it will show what I have done on this farm in the year 1806. It is a costly piece of work-I estimate it at a Dollar per rod & some of it exceeds that, the last piece which we have built is 3 rods in length 17 of which we have built this week- we have collect'd about half of its materials from its West side, where we dug them from ledges, these far exceed those we find in the pasture, as they (bu) make a wall much stronger & more durable. The wall I am now speaking of begins at the N W corner of the pasture & runs on a South Westerly course, at the foot of a steep side-hill, following the direction of that hill till it arrives at the N W corner of the Shugar-orchard, at which place 2 days labour would fetch it, from the E end of the wall dividing the Orchard & follow (it is) to this place it is rods, to which add 35 rods & a half & I shall find that I have built rods of wall since the 20th of May, Jonas has lain most of it, he has work'd at this business days- I shall now take leave of my wall & say something more concerning the day, Mr Thomas & Ira finish'd fallow, Acres was plow'd this week, just before we finish'd drawing stone out Boat broke asunder, but it can be mended again, we had a large quantity of Tackling to take home, I return'd Mr Brown's Cart, all were wearied with the labours of the day- This day was fair & temperate

6 th

Sunday Went to Church-my son went there also-it is what he hasn't never done before since Dedication-day- Mr Marsh preach'd in the A M in the PM a Mr Wooly, from Cambridge North of this State-A strong wind from the South kept a continual blowing-some cloudy temperate

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Monday. The first thing I had to do this morning was to drive (out) Capt Hunman's Oxen out of my Cornfield, they had injured some few hills (it is) in the poorest part of the field, so that the damage was of no great value, however, when I went to see the old man about it, he said he was "verry sorry" & offer'd to pay "the damage" but all I ask'd of him was to mend the Fence, he has accordingly done so this verry day, but I'm afraid it is not too much purpose, because the Negro did it so carelessly, that he never mended it any at the place where the cattle broke thro', the whole Fence was poor & needed repairing verry much, but this place demanded particular attention it is at the N W corner of my field, it is well to mention that this field lies contiguous to Capt Hinman's line, it is where I rais'd my flax last year; That part of this Cornfield upon which we carri'd Barn-manure, produces excellent Corn; but where the Chip-manure is it isn't more than two thirds as large as the other, a small part of the field was not manur'd at all, this is poor indeed, but to take my corn together it looks as promising as any I ever had at this season, it is now about tasseling out. Pumpkins look verry well now. All my hoeing for the last time this year was done today- Mr Thomas & his Son Billings were here the whole day- Mr Gates was here in the PM-so that we went xi 6 abreast, tho' it lack'd one of that number in AM we should have finish'd in verry good season, if we had not been hinder'd by the rain, but it was, we got it done about Sun-down-Jonas has done almost the whole plowing with a horse & lines, Ira plow'd a little, just at night with another horse, but Jonas finish'd the business, tir'd enough too I guess. Early this morning it rain'd verry hard for a short time-it look'd verry lowery awhile, till at last the clouds began to break away-the wind turn'd from S W to N W-sun came out verry warm, the atmosphere was full of flying clouds from N W-about the middle PM the wind veer'd about in to the S W to be short, it blew up a small but short shower to us-rain'd pretty hard while it lasted-this is a refreshing shower-Sun about an hour high it clear'd away off verry pleasant wind South-It has been a pretty warm day-everything grows well. Potatoes have flower'd.

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Tuesday 8 Jonas the Boys & myself assist'd Mr Gates about hoeing his beans. Ira & I had to come away. Sun an hour or 2 high, to fix the Waggon &c for Troy, Hiram left Gates half an hour before Sun-down, Jonas held out to the last. It was tiresome puddling work to hoe these beans the rows are so near each other, that a plow can't go among them. Two circumstances occur'd yesterday which were not mention'd one was my Father's mowing a swath & some more from the Barn to the corn-field, to prevent the grass from being trod down, when going into the field, the other was, that it thunder'd yesterday P M This day in the AM it was warm & look'd likely to be showery- PM grew cooler verry fast with considerable wind N W-some distant thunder heard, flyinf clouds-What we call Sweet-Briar has now put forth its flowers.

8th

Wednesday My Father & Grand-mother set off in a Waggon for Troy this morning-his son will continue this Journal until his return- but not in the first person-Hiram Harwood & Jonas Ira & Hiram help'd Mr Thomas hoe his corn-Jonas came into the field late, because he had to draw a load of wood & do some other things before he could get from home, toward night he began to tease Mr Thomas by pretending that he meant leave the work & go home he finally did n't do quite so much as Mr Thomas wish'd him to do, he did a good days work. A temperate day-sky a little hazy in the South Wind N W

10th

Thursday-Jonas & the Boys hoed out the garden & Vineyard in the AM in PM 2 small loads of hay were drawn in, on the sled Ira & Jonas fix'd their Scythes & mow'd a little on the S & W sides of the Garden. This was only making a beginning toward night Ira went to town to collect some money for his Brother Benjamin to pay Mr Lovett, but he made out poorly, while Ira was gone Jonas & Hiram -with Capt Hinman's cart after much labour on Jonas part brot down a load of wood for his use. The hay which today got in, today amounted to about hundreds-it was mow'd day before yesterday; All the fore part of the day it was clear sky over our heads

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while the lower part of the horizon was cloudy, however just at night it became verry cloudy & began to thunder-one dark black cloud arose in the N E & pass'd off to the Southard along the E mountain giving N Taunton a pretty hard shower-in the evening it rain'ds some here-with a little thunder-a prtty wary day-wind N W- Pumpkins in blow-

11th

Friday-Ira went again this mornng on a collecting route; he got a little-that little was so small that it was tho't best not to carry it to Mr Lovett, it is silver money-a 5 dollar-Bill was carri'd by Hiram to Mr Lovett, who endors'd it on Mr Harwood note, this bill was borrow'd of Lucinda, Jonas mow'd a little more in the S meadow in the morn'g & then went & mow'd down one of the worst pieces on the farm- it is commonly call'd the swail-it lies on tracybrook- Jonas got this done about one in the PM-Hiram spread it out ~~in the~~ PM Jonas mow'd another piece in the South Meadow-this was not spread out. Ira in the AM drew 2 loads of wood for Adam-in the PM after a great fus-just at night he drew one load for Mr Thomas with our own cart- it took Mr Cook from morning till late in the PM to put in an axle tree to our Cart- the old man was verry lame & had a bad place to work in-his pay is one bushel of corn- which he receiv'd at night- my Father arriv'd here about middel PM- he sent in his List today- AM flying clouds- PM clear & pleasant wind Southardly-midling warm- a small part rainbow was seen this morning- done by ~~Mrs Harwood~~ H Harwood

12th

Saturday AM I was quite indispos'd-I grew a little better in the PM went in to the pasture & brot home the Sheep-sold of the to Mr Rice-did some light raking- Jonas in the AM pack'd the Barn-roof- Ira with the Cart & Oxen drew 2 loads-wood for him-Hiram turn'd hay- PM they rig'd the

cart-rak'd up the hay in the swail & pil'd it on to the cart in one load- Ira pitch on & Jonas loaded-Jonas took the team & Ira went to pasture to catch a horse for him self to ride to town- Jonas got his load about 2 thirds of the way to the Barn-behold a large part tip'd off-Hiram soon hand'd it on to the cart again-it then went safe on to the mow. Ira

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loaded the next load, which was made up of that hay which he mow the day before yesterday, this load was left on the Cart. Ira went to town to get himself a new scythe-Jonas left off work after helping me cock a little hay which he mow'd on the 11 in the PM-it is not dry to get in, that hay which we got from off the swail is verry good in quality & quantity- Jonas thinks it amounts to 15 hundreds- Our gardens abound with beautiful flowers-such as the Nol Pink &c &c who greatly add beauty to the season. Corn grows verry fast. Rye & winter-wheat loose their color verry fast. The forepart of this day was verry warm-clouds pretty compact-we expect'd shower in the PM, but instead of being so, it grew cooler- the clouds more dispers'd-with refreshing breezes of wind from N or N E

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Sunday-morning after vometing pretty stoutly I grew better-went & heard Mr Marsh preach, Pleasant but warm with flying clouds from N E-a little smokey-

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Monday had no help to work for me today but Ira & Hiram AM we fix'd our Scythes-mow'd a small piece before noon, it being late when we got at it perhaps at 10 Oclock, in the PM after spreading our swathes that were mow'd in the AM took Scythes again & added a little more to that which was already down- the next thing was to throw off a load of hay already in the barn & get in another. this is what Jonas mow'd last Friday it amounted to about 12 cwt. A part of what has been mow'd today, was stout grass but by far the greateter part was verry thin & poor, the poorest part extend from what we call the dry brook to the brook from whence we get water, it lies along the E side of the lane as it runs from bridge toward the S; the best part of it lies along side of the dry brook-it was considerably lodg'd. Mr Thomas & Adam work'd for me at Capt Norton's for Jonas. A pleasant morning-toward the close of Day

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& finally the whole PM the sky was verry hazy-the atmosphere smokey pretty warm with wind S W at night- I wrote letter to Dr Hopkins today & put in to the P-Office. Ira mow'd a little after geting in the hay-

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Tuesday-This AM I had 6 mowers in my meadows 5 of whom could do a days work-Hiram is young at the business-mows slow, they cut down a pretty large piece the S Meadow, extending South of that which was mow'd yesterday before noon they went into the N Meadow & there made a considerable piece of fall down before them. This piece lies W of the Barn by the

side off the lane, a part of it was Clover. this part is bounded on the S & W by the Sheep-pasture. My personal employment was to finish patching the Barn-roof I got thro with it about 11 in the AM, after this Mr Thomas (who had been one of the mowers) Myself & Hiram spread most of the swaths that were mow'd this AM- except the clover- none of which was stir'd today- We had a long noon spell- every man took a knap after eating- Hiram read Wms History of Vermont. In the P M I took Hiram & Mr Thomas with me into the South meadow- went to raking- the others went to mowing, but necessity soon oblig'd me to call all hands to raking, for it began to look much like rain- it thunder'd off at a distance- we got all that was in the South meadow cock'd up, & a small part of what was down in the (So) N Meadow- the rest was so wet- it would not do to rake it, after taking a little refreshment- every man went to mowing Clover, this concluded the day- Mr Thomas Mr Gates Jonas, Adam & Ira- work'd for me this day- This morning it look'd verry likely to rain the clouds were pretty compact and red- these soon pass'd away & left us under the influence of a hot parching sun- a little PM a dark black cloud appear'd in the N or rather in the N E- about this time the wind blew high from N W (little time) for a few moments- the thunder began to roar- clouds began to gather on every side of us & over our heads- seemed to menace something terrible, but after all we had but trifling rain- not more than a common dew- it broke away sun an hour high sunset clear-

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16th

Wednesday I had the same hands to work here today that we had yesterday. In the morning they cut down the remainder of the clover & then another considerable piece E of the clover N of where it was mow'd yesterday- I did not mow any, neither did Hiram, but spread all the clover swaths (except that which Mr Thomas spread- he did not mow so long as the others did) spreading hay was the whole of our business this forenoon- after luncheon Mr Gates & Jonas unloaded the cart in the barn, by that time Ira had brot up the Oxen- they drew in a load or two of hay before noon while this was a doing Myself & three others finished turning hay & rak'd & roll up (except that which was rak'd yesterday and that had to be open'd) a small piece near the Barn- In the PM Mr Gates (who loaded) & Jonas got in all the hay in the South Meadow & 2 loads in the N Meadow. Hiram rak'd after the cart , 6 loads were drawn in today- Mr Gates & Jonas help'd rake when they had finish'd their other business the whole of the Clover & all which has been mow'd today was rak'd (tod) this PM. I provided an early supper- work'd till after dark I believe all were wearied with the labors of the day- The day was verry fine till a little while before night- it became cloudy- many sighns of rain, it has been a temperate day with wind N W Corn is silking out- It was a little smokey- Mr Gates work was to pay for what I had done for him.

The Eclipse copied from the Vermont Gazette No 23 (24th

The day was fair; not a cloud appear'd above the horizon- a few minutes before the total shade, many stars appear'd--

a considerable change of atmosphere from heat to cold succeeded-- general darkness was instantaneous-- the fowls hasten'd to their nightly shelters--- the cold increas'd rapidly--- the dew fell as copiously in 4 or 5 minutes as during the preceding night---stars appear'd all around the horizon-- and in Bennington the total shade continu'd 3 m. 50 s. as was calculated by several watches present. The scene was sublime beyond description

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Thursday After we had arrang'd things, such as fixing a hay-rack for the wagon & sticking down (hay or) Stack-polls we drew hay 2 teams; 19 loads were put into one stack built by Jonas, Ira loaded upon the Waggon-as I did on the Cart- Mr Thomas & Adam handed the hay both of them with (at) one team at a time. This hay I have salt'd- 12 loads of it is Clover. Pitch-forking the hay to Jonas was verry warm work, indeed I do not think we have had a hotter day this year. It was about the middle of the PM when when we (got this) had done with the hay. after this I mow'd some, Jonas mended his Cradle at least work'd upon it- Mr Thomas mow'd a little he came on late this morning & left us pretty early at night, Adam kept the field till Sun-down. We had strong expectations that we should have had a shower. there were

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many great signs of rain-from about 9 in the AM till the middle PM the sun beat down verry powerfully-during that period it was verry hazy and lowery, toward night the heat was more tolerable, the Sun was shut in by the clouds, we saw no more of him today-Just at night clouds were much broken, Hiram rak'd after cart-Ira after mowing a little while went to town-It was a little smokey today-From the same No of Acres I don't think I shall collect the same quantity of hay-off from any other part of the Farm the same business again this year- Thistles begin to blossom-

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Friday Myself Adam & Ira mow'd down a considerable piece reaching from where it has been mow'd, to Brown's fence a distance of nearly (60) 40 rods long & perhaps 14 or 15 rods wide in some places-in one place I reckon it is about 20 rods wide- we have not mow'd the whole of this today for some of this was done last night, it must be remember'd that this part of the meadow which I am now speaking of lies by the S side of my Orchard, & on the same side of a Hog-pasture which is the E of the of the Orchard, In the PM Jonas Myself & Hiram (the latter had mow'd some in the AM) with Cradles & rakes Gather'd enough Rye enough to say that we began to harvest. The rain drove us from our work. While this was doing Adam & Ira went around about an acre & mow'd most of it before they left it, it is the handsomest piece on the Farm- a Walnut Tree stands in the S E corner of it- the Boys got wet a little-Jonas didn't work for me this AM, but mended his cradle- It was verry lowery & pretty warm this AM, but about 4 in the PM it sat in to steady rain which lasted 2 or 3 hours-no work done after this- toward night the clouds appear'd to come from S E, it was cooler this PM than in the AM before this rain came on, it drizzl'd for some time. Vegetation will be much reviv'd by this rain, many people began to grow uneasy about the drought-perhaps this will put a stop to such complaints-

19th

Saturday In the AM verry little was done-ground a scythe or two. Ira mow'd some-finish'd the acre which Adam & he begun yesterday. Hiram

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went with Jonas & Adam-caught a number of Trouts out of my Brook-they had 13 apiece, PM Myself & the Boys added mowing to enough to what was already done to make out, what I call 5 acres-all of which lies in the swath except that which little we spread for fear of its souring. The North edge of the standing grass runs about E & W from Brown's line to within about 20 rods from the lane- This part of the Meadow is nearest to the House. Early this morning it rain'd pretty hard, the rest of the day it was verry lowery & smokey clouds broke away about sun-set verry damp air in the evening the wind N W. I observ'd a fog hanging round the mountains after the sun was gone

20th

Sunday. After Mr Marsh end'd his exercise Mr Blood of Shaftsbury clos'd the day with a smart Sermon. Last night about midnight a verry heavy shower appear'd in the N W it was starlight here (before) before the shower reach'd us, but when it did come the (what) little we had of it, was verry terrifying there was one continual sheet of lightning, with 2 or 3 verry heavy claps of thunder-most of it seem'd to be at a distance from us, the shower pass'd off to the South. This shower purified the air verry much, the day has been much cooler on that account, flying clouds with now and then a spot of very beautiful transparent sky strong wind N W-

Monday By about 10 O'clock this AM Jonas cradl'd Hiram rak'd & I bound & stack'd half an acre of good stout-plump Rye. This Rye field is abpart of I call Tracy-field, it is on the west side of it & contains upwards of an acre. While were thus employ'd Adam & Ira add'd a little to what was already mow'd by cutting down a piece extending to the other side (other) of the uper brook, but they didn't go so farr south as the Oats, after they had done this they spreadswaths, when Jonas & I came down we all went to making hay, before I relate any farther I must make one remark viz that (of) on the E side of this part of our Meadow we formerly mow'd pretty stout grass, but for some years past it has been growing thinner, this year it is poorer than ever I saw it before I suppose it is caus'd by being so dry last year. We began to rake before noon, in the PM it look'd verry likely to rain, some ~~some~~ went to raking & some to cocking, my Father assisted with his rake, the Oxen were brot' from pasture & put upon the Cart-drew in 3 loads of hay with them- this was swamp

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hay, all the hay (except a few hundred) was put into cock, some of it is wet a little. That Rye which Jonas & I left in the morning, was at night cut down & bound & stack'd up- This morning it was cloudy & look'd like rain- after some time these clouds broke away- the atmosphere was full of flying clouds from the west- the air temperate P M it thunder'd a great deal, but all the showers went around us on every side, we had drizzling - at night clouds broke away. but I saw many sighs of rain- AM wind W in the PM N W- this is an imperfect description-

22d

Tuesday Ira & I got to the Barn six loads of hay- Adam & Jonas were at work in Mr Thomas's field & receiv'd pay from him. The clouds were thick in the South & over our heads, till middle of the PM, the clouds then broke away for awhile, it was soon clouded over again & began to thunder- look'd black in the North, but it only drizzled a little here, when the sun went down it shone on the E mountain- a sign of fair weather wind S W-

23d

Wednesday This morning we found our young cattle in the High-way, the reason they were here, is they are kept in Mrs Street's pasture, from where they break in to Capt Norton's enclosures- he turns them in to the road- right enough too. Howevre what I was going to say is, that I went with my Father to pasture with three cattle mend'd the fence a little- came back in great haste but could hardly keep in sight of my Father who was in a great hurry to get home to doctor a sick-Cow- after she was attended a little, I took Ira & Hiram & went to work for Mr Thomas- helping him gather his Rye, when things got regular- my business was to Stack, both in my field & Mr Thomas's. As part of this days work was done in my own field I shall give a list of names- and each mans business beginning with John Cushman- Silas Stark & Jonas Harwood Cradlers- Joshua Gates- Adam Waters & Ira Harwood- rakers & binders- Billing carri'd sheaves together, Mr Thomas before he came into my field Mr Thomas's Rye was Gather'd first-

bottom of his well, without the assistance of rope or ladder, call'd for a rope, made fast with it round the lamb, who was drawn out without receiving any injury from its fall, my Father ascended the well in the same manner by which he went down, & receiv'd no apparent damage. This Sheep & lamb are Lydia's property. I think she ought to be verry thankful to her Grandfather for his kindness in saving her lamb, when he was entirely disinterested in its fate, perhaps it might have died had he wait'd for help. In the morning the sky was clear, wind S W but toward 9 Oclock flying clouds came from N W before a stiff wind from that quarter, this made air quite supportable. In the PM wind chang'd about in to the S W, it was verry warm during the remaining part of the day-with flying clouds-rain seeds at night with other signs-

26th

Saturday I took Adam & Hiram & went to work for Jonas in Capt Norton's field. I rak'd & bound with Mr Gates after Jonas cradl'd Adam follow'd the same business awhile in the morning but left it & took up reaping, as did Hiram the whole day except helping Mr Locke stack- this is wheat that I am now speaking off, it was fully ripe as I found mine was when I came from Norton's field on my way home-I wish now that I had gone in to it last Thursday, Mr Norton's wheat pretty stout, for this year- There was no dew last night-the sky was

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hazy & cloudy-it rain'd some in the evening wind S W. A verry warm day-perspiration was verry free- Ira was laid up with poison'd feet

27th

Sunday Heard Mr Swift of Williamstown, preach, A warm thick lowery A M & a slow rainy P M-wind S W-Blackberries about ripening.

28th

Monday I enter'd my wheat field with Jonas, Adam, Ira & Hiram we laid down about an acre, & left it in single-band shieves at noon. Ira left the piece before noon with poison'd feet & didn't return again, P M it began to thunder, the first thing was to put on wheat into stack, Jonas was stacker, he erected 11 small ones upon this piece, we count'd our shieves-according to calculation there are 42 Shocks in 4 Stacks, we rept & stack'd enough in the P M to make out nearly 2 acres, the ground which we went over in the A M was rather more than an acre. This part of my field where are now harvesting, lies on the E side of (the) it, Hinman's old Ryly Barn stands near the center of it from N to S- we did not reep so far South as Norton's, nor so far north Hinmans or Brown's line, the piece which we rept is from 6 to 10 rods wide. This field comprehends the S E 15/1 acres of the farm (including 2 acres of Rye) & is the handsomest field I know of being nearly square. This A M it was verry lowery & warm, at noon it began to thunder, the clouds appear'd verry black in the N & N W the thunder thd at a distance seem'd to be verry heavy, two showers went off to the N E that at the first appearance we suppos'd would come here at night we had a slow rain come on, but little thunder in this quarter. It has been verry warm the whole day wind S W last night it rain'd a good deal.

29th

Tuesday Besides those hands I had yesterday, I have had 3 others: the whole of this day & 1 half the day-viz Elijah Fay, his hir'd man John Lawrence, Mr John Norton, Mr Loan Dewey-half the day. We reapt & bound up the wheat that grew on 5 acres of ground, it is verry stout plump wheat too, & so is the whole field. between sun an hour high & sun down all the grain was stack'd that Jonas, & Elijah Fay were stackers, It has been a cloudy day with wind N W not over warm. Rain'd some in the night-Ira is still lame does no work

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Wednesday I went into my field with Jonas, Adam & Hiram, John Norton came on also- we reapt rather more than half an acre & stack'd it & left the field on account of the rain, just at night Hiram & I reapt a little but didn't bind it.

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It was next to the South side of the field, that I have found verry bad work among my wheatt done by Capt Norton's hogs, they have done a considerable damage in other parts of the field. This morning it was verry cloudy wind in S W, about 10 Oclock it began to rain, it was rainy from that time till about the middle of the PM the wind seem'd then to be getting into the S E, it continu'd lowery thro' the day, toward night the air was chilly-

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Thursday Had six hands beside myself viz Jonas, Adam, Ira. Elisha Waters, John Norton & Hiram, we found the grain very wet this morning & it was badly lodg'd most of it (being) standing verry thick, with long heavy ears, the grain being in this situation, we left it in the gavel, we gather'd some a little before noon which we bound. in the PM we bound & stack'd the whole of what we gather'd in this part of the day but didn't meddle with that which we cut down in the AM, except a little that was rept toward the middle of the day. It has been a showery day-there were 2 or 3 of these in the AM one of them stop'd our work a little while to the others we paid no attention, about 1 in the PM-came up a short but severe shower-not to do damage, but rain'd fast, cool day wind N W. My wheat is badly crinkl'd, so that it is impossible to get it without wasting a considerable part of it, in comparison to what we should if it stood upright. Tho' I call this wheat the greatest of any I have rais'd for several years past; notwithstanding the greatest part of the field is covered verry thickly by it; yet in many small spots of ground, theres scarcely any wheat to be collected from them, it being so thin & poor.

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Friday The same hands came on today, that were here yesterday, we reapt & bound in the AM, in the PM we took up that whcih was left in the gavel & stack'd it, Jonas made the largest stack in the S E corner beside two or three others that are pretty large, here I believe my field yields the best, I reckon I shall have 30 bushel to the acre, the whole of what we (this PM) gather'd in the AM was put in Stack, chiefly executed by Jonas, I built a

couple but they do not suit me verry well, but, I guess they'll stand the weather pretty well. The sun was about an hour high when we finish'd Stacking, then it was that one of my hands (Adam Waters) fell sick & quit the field. Before we clos'd our days work, a strip of wheat on the W side of the Rye (4 rows in width & rods in length) was cut & stack'd, darkness had surrounded us before we suspended the labors of the day. The morning was verry fair & cool, as had been the preceding night, about 10 in the AM or before, the clouds began to show themselves pretty plenty, in the sun shone thro' a thick haze as thro' a silk handkerchief, flying clouds, wind S W

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Saturday Verry early in the day Jonas & Hiram went into the field & reapt & stack'd about a quarter of an acre, this was before breakfast, that part of the field in which they did this exploit is on the N side of the Rye, it is an narrow strip about four rods wide & runs West till it strikes West side of the field, after breakfast we finish'd of this strip above notic'd & went down toward the S W part of the field, here every man exerted him, myself, Mr Gates had some business to do for Mr Mc in the blacksmith's line, left the field a short time, his place was fill'd by Mr Mc a ~~smarter~~ smarter reaper reaper I never saw, it seems to be perfectly easy to him, Mr Gates soon return'd & the reaper left us. By my mens spirited behavior I was enabled to finish harvesting my wheat, it happen'd about 1 in the PM in the S W corner of the field where the grain was most crinkl'd & ripest my Father was among the smartest iof us this AM he reapt the last clip; Every man complain'd of the back-ache, & was glad to quit the business. Jonas was stacker he did little else but repair stacks that had had their tops blown off & stacks that which we reapt, the grain shell'd pretty badly, I reckon we harvest'd about 2 1/2 acres of ground. I never was more tir'd of reaping than at opresentt. After a late dinner We went to pulling Flax, it was divided off in the following m

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manner-The two Water's took 30 rods of ground, Ira & Mr Gates the same Jonas 15- & Hiram 10, our work went on verry well till it began to rain which was sun an hour high, we then quit the business. I took no stint, but pull'd as fas as any of them, no one finish'd his job, nor is it likely it could have been done had the rain held off. I shall make a rough estimate of the expence I have been to get my wheat so far secur'd-reckoning my own as well as Hiram's labor with hir'd hands each day I find that it has cost me days labor & 3 Gallons of rum. A high gale of wind blew up from the South, the clouds flew verry swiftly to the North-air cool. Sun an hour high-the wind subsided & rain secceeded.

3rd

Sunday Attended public worship-after service Mr Marsh deliver'd a sermon at Mr J. House-Flying clouds-wind high in N W air cool. By the appear of things-I don't it rain'd much last night- no wind after sun-set-entirely clear.

4th

Monday Myself, Jonas, Ira, Adam & Hiram mow'd in the S Mdw AM rak'd & cock'd it in the PM, the cite of the place I shall not describe, some of it produces verry great grass, while other parts are verry poor. The air was temperate-flying clouds-wind N W till toward night then S W-sky a little hazy- my Father spread swaths today- The evening Grass-hopper begins to anounce the approach of fall by singing his notes, he began last year in July-

5th

Tuesday, Morning sent Ira after the Oxen-soon as breakfast was over Jonas & Adam went to carting Hay-Ira & I pull'd Flax until it began to sprinkle, I then sent Ira for the Hors's in order to have 2 teams but the rain came too soon, Adam & Jonas had drawn 2 loads of hay stack'd them, upon that stack which was built on the 17th of July- the hors's were of no use-we did not even harness them. In the P M Jonas, Adam & Ira mow'd upon 3 sides of the upper part of the S meadow I E they follow'd the Fence from where the upper-brook enters the meadow to the N E corner, while they were doing this I sunk a hollow log (formerly us'd for a Bee-hive) at the spring in the pasture adjoining the meadow, for the convenience of the cattle in that pasture. about 3 in the P M all hands went to pulling Flax-continu'd this-

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till Sun-down-pull'd a pretty good share of it. There's upwards of an acre of the whole of it, it is quite uneven some of it is long & some short, however it is much better than I expected, In the morning it was lowery- about 9 in the AM it began rain- from that time till about 11 it rain'd pretty steady, about 1 in the P M the clouds began to break away in the N W it gradually became clear. the wind blew from the South ffom morn to eve-

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Wednesday Jonas, Adam & Ira mow'd a large part of the upper South meadow this AM, in the PM they rak'd & cock'd up, all that they mow'd today & yesterday only an acre to mow now in the S meadow. The worst mowing I have on the whole (the) farm, is to be found in the upper part of the South-meadow- Jonas dull'd his scythe so, that he was oblig'd to go & grnd but it seems to have done no good for he didn't mpw but a few rods afterwards, before he dull'd worse than ever. Ira came off pretty much the same- fortune was on Adam's side, his scythe escap'd the stones- they all complain bitterly of the mowing. Now my own concerns must be related, in the first place, I assist'd the Boys-awhile with my scythe, but it got so dull that I quit it and assisted my Father & Hiram about (spreading) spreading hay till 11 Oclock-then took the cart & oxen-commenc'd the business of drawing hay from loads I collected from what was cut down last monday. I find it will be of some importance to me another year to know the situation of that piece just mention'd, the whole of the E side (except a few rods) and part of the W side, is bounded by what was mow'd the 25th day of July-vide page 21-it runs no farther N or the than either of those pieces referr'd to, its S E corner is aboutt 6 rods West of the NW corner of the pasture, it runs west (in the same direction

that the North fence of the pasture follows) till it comes almost to the brook, it here makes an angle-goes as far south as the Bass-tree-then strikes off to the west- makes a S W corner where the upper brook enters the meadows, the lane then makes its western boundary * My Father loaded 5 loads of hay & help'd Hiram mow away 2 or 3 load, I pitchfork'd on & off the cart. Hiram rak'd after cart, the 5th load went to Jonas, the last one Ira loaded, it now stands upon the cart- Some few flying clouds in the A M, the direction of wind rather unsettl'd the wind was uniformly S W (in the S W) heavy clouds appear'd in the N E some thunder heard-in evening a curious cloud appear'd in the S-lighten'd the whole time pretty warm day-

*only a part of it the otherpart has been men
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Thursday We all mow'd together upon the last acre in the S meadow when this was cut down, it was as late as 9 Oclock, this acre that I have spoken of, lies in the north part of I generally call my upper meadow- 2 years ago I built a stack somewheres near the center of it, to day when I came to pitch-fork (it) the hay that grew here this season, I found it to be the heaviest I have handled this many a day- the greatest part of it is wine grass, but to return to Jonas, Adam & Ira (good fellows) they had to put their scythes in some verry great grass in the north-meadow, I will leave them for the present, & return to my own personal business, I threw on & took off from the cart 5 loads-today- from the S meadow two of these went into the horse stable & two to Jonas's, the others in to the Barn, my Father loaded all this-except one & part of another, he has not been idle today- in the AM while I was unloading he went to the N meadow & spread swaths. The South meadow was clear'd of hay. When I went into the north meadow I found that the Boys had mow'd two considerable pieces the one this side of the corn-field the other on the N side of the orchard, the last piece is between 4 & 5 rods wide it was PM before they finish'd mowing they had rak'd most of it, I help'd a little about cocking up the hay-While Jonas was gone with the 5th load to his Barn (I'm under a small mistake in the No of the loads the) I threw off from the cart this load Jonas threw off himself) after he return'd with the team two loads of hay went into the Barn in a short time. I drove the team-Adam threw the hay to Ira in a hurry I had a pitchfork & assisted with it a little, Hiram's business had been to rake after & mow away during the day it now took him & his uncle Jonas to follow the cart and be busy too, all this was done after dark, one load stands upon the cart. In the AM-flying clouds from S W-PM had one small dash of rain-wind in the South pretty strong some thunder- verry warm-lowery, &c &c &c -

8th

Friday Altho' we had a little bad weather in the morning made out pretty well. finish'd mowing the N meadow & rak'd most of it besides geting 2 loads of yesterdays Hay into Mrs Street's or Jonas's Barn,

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Had a considerable shower from the South in the morning-
the rest of the AM was lowery, less so in the P M wind
S W-warm day- Poor hay day-

9th

Saturday I this day put a period to my haying for this season. In the first place we mow'd what we call the swail lying in Tanbrook field, this was the last of our mowing, when we had done this the next thing wss, to open all the hay in the N meadow, I mean that which (co) had been cock'd up, this done, we pull'd the last of my Flax- a piece about large enough for a man's days work- little more than an acre I rais'd flax from this year, the last of our forenoons work was to turn the hay, in the PM Jonas built a stack consists of 3 loads the other loads were carri'd to him, he loaded & Adam & Ira pitch-fork'd the hay to him, after they had done work at night, I heard them give six cheers. their work has been pretty hard this PM, but none was not, I assisted Hiram at raking after cart, he & I rak'd up the hay in the swail beside considerable raking in the meadow, but I was as tir'd as any one at night, it must be understood that the part of the N meadow from which we got our hay today- is the N E 3 acres lying between Clark's-Orchard, as it is call'd & the cornfield, from this spot I never had more or better hay, in fact it always fell short of this year. By the side of the brook and in moist swailly land the grass was much the largest of any we have this year, upon dry land it was thin & short this is the case with my meadows, I shall, when I have finish'd harvest, exhibit an account of my hay that shall give a tolerable idea of the productions of my meadows this season Within a few hours the weather has had a remarkable change from heat to cold, for it was quite warm last evening and the evening before, but I suppose the cause of this sudden change is, that it thunder'd & lighten'd last night a few miles to the N of here verry heavily a part of the shower came here but didn't last long tho' it rain'd verry hard- today after a few clouds pass'd over

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us, it turn'd out to be a pleasant day tho' cool, wind N W
the even was also cool & clear-

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Sunday Heard Mr Cabeb Blood from Shaftsbury, The day was cool & cloudy wind N W-- Evening cold-

11th

Monday The whole of my winter grain was drawn in to the Barn by 3 teams- Ira manag'd my ox-team-Jonas the horse & Mr Thomas with Capt Hinman's oxen, Adam staid in the field & hand'd shieves for Jonas & Ira to load. Mr Thomas & his son went with his team. My Father & Hiram assisted me, in packing shieves of wheat there are 6856 single-band shieves allowing 15 shieves for a shock it will amount to 457 Shocks & 1 shief, no double-band shieves (except cap-shieves) are among them. The weather was good, air temperate, wind NW Of Rye there are 57 Shocks & 13 shiefs- it grew on 4 acres of ground- My wheat when on the ground took up 12 1/2 acres. My hay this year according to a rough calculation that I have made amounts to 40 Tons & cwt it was got into Barn & stack in good order. Jonas had upwards of 5

tons of it, my wheat was damp- not in such a dry state as I could wish it were. but such a quantity of this kind of grain never was rais'd from this farm in one year before. I have had remarkable fortune since I begun haying in having good hands to work for me, such as Jonas, Adam, Waters, his brother Elisha & Ira. A man can't ask for a couple of better hands than Adam & Jonas have been this season-

12th

Tuesday A M (see) to) repair'd some fencing, Jonas cradled the oats P M he & I harvested part of the Spring wheat. Ira & Hiram went with my cart & oxen & help'd Mr Thomas finish drawing his winter harvest. The Boys had a little bad luck when drawing up the last load which was pretty heavy one of the stakes of the cart rigging off but the load was drawn in notwithstanding all that. A M still cloudy or rather hazy day. a verry gentle breeze from S W pretty warm-

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Wednesday After it had ceas'd raining in the morning I took Ira Jonas & Hiram out in to the field. Jonas cradl'd the Spring wheat, Ira & I rak'd & bound it Hiram rept & bound a verry small piece. we stack'd the wheat in the same fashion as we some of it was quite ~~next~~ wet when it was put up but it will dry in a few days in such small stacks, I suppose it would have been a much better way to have sav'd my winter-wheat so; a good deal of it was too damp ~~when~~ it was stack'd and never could get dry. Tho the largest stack in the field had but 259 shieves in it. It was past one in the P M when we got thro' with the wheat. this Spring-wheat is good tho I get little more than half a crop of it, for the situation of this field vide the first day of May 1806-Vol 2d, page 72. It was rainy a little while this morn'g-high wind in the South it held up till a little past the middle of the day when more rain came down, but the clouds soon broke away- no more rain this P M and the wind rather subsided, but it continu'd cloudy- Contrary to my general mode of setting down my work I have omitted mentioning this P M's business, it was but trifling on my part, I put fire to several stumps on the plow field, Ira carted off rails- Hiram did the least of all, he undertook to trim out a tree-top that had been felled some time in June what he did in 3 hours I could do in 30 minutes-

14th

Thursday Ira plow'd with the hors's at the (S) N E corner of the fallow ground. Hiram harrow'd in the S W corner of the field. at noon his team drew a small load of wood to the house. I prepar'd this for loading beside setting stumps on fire, this constitutes our A M's work. In the P M My Father Ira & Myself took up those Oats that Jonas cradl'd other day, and cart'd them in to the Barn, My father bound the hither field of oats with grass bands (which he had before prepar'd for the purpose) while Ira & I were raking and binding the others, for particulars concerning these oats see Volume 2 page 72 May 2d 1806- Hiram's afternoon work was light.

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light indeed, it was cross-plowing, with the same team and in the same field where Ira work'd in the A M he might have done much more than he did, had it been his mind so to do; however I strongly hinted my displeasure, toward his conduct, which I hope may alter him for the better. Nothing uncommon in the weather flying clouds from S W pretty warm- This day I din'd upon Succutosh- There were 261 shieves of Oats in all- half from (fr) one field the other half from the other field-

15th

Friday my own work was upon no fix'd object-sometimes trimming trees that were (one) down on the ground & sometimes setting stumps on fire and keeping up those that had fire in them on W-o-d-glast Hiram harrow'd a small piece late in the A M at S W part of the plowfield I call'd off him & his team & drew 2 loads of flax (which comprehends the whole of it) in the P M. Father stack'd it while this going on, I drew off a Barrel of Cyder & sold it to W Branch the rest of the P M was spent in securing our 2 hay-stacks by fixing straw & swingle tow upon their summits. Verry lowery & warm wind Southardly- Ira follow'd the hors plow and was pretty much wearied at night-

16th

Saturday I shall not attempt to give any particulars concerning this day. I was one of the republican procession who march'd into the field, in the rear of the regiment under the command of Maj'r Hawkes & Capt Hendryx our music was sweet, it was compos'd of 2 or 3 German flutes-1 Hautboy and a violin, when the citizens had march'd into the field in the rear of the regiment * They dispers'd. The regiment underwent a general inspection, his excellency the captain general was presiding officer in this business the major general & brigadier- were both (here) present. I think the regiment (is) was small, some companies

were not more than half full, other snot so many. Before the (citizens f) militia left the field, the citizens form'd again and march'd to the State-arms it so happen'd that I didn't join them in their march or festival as I had previously intended to. When the regiment return'd from the field the sun was about 1 1/2 hour high, at this time some heavy volleys were given. I return'd home quite fatigu'd. A fair morning. not A M hazy P M not quite so warm as in the forenoon with gentle breeze from South, tho' in A M it was N W-

17th

Sunday Mr Marsh preach'd three sermons today-2 at the meeting house- at Mr J Hous's the last I believe was the best of three. Flying clouds, pretty warm A M wind S P M wind N W-

18th

Monday- I commenc'd a new kind of business, which was that of plowing my wheat-stubble. I made a beginning on the E side, leaving a strip of land about 3 rods wide to be plow'd when the old Kiley Barn is out of the way, tho' it was late in the A M when I got to work, I made out po

plow an acre and a half. Had for a team a yoke of oxen & 1 horse. Hiram drove the m. Ira crossplow'd with horse and did a pretty good days work too. It has been a cool day for this season. Fair in the morning before noon flying clouds began to rise, wind N W P M wind in the south- hazy with some signs of rain, clear in the eve-

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Tuesday My business has been the same today as it was yesterday, I labor'd more hours & plow'd rather more than I did on the 18th. I was oblig'd to send Ira & his team off to the carding machine about the middle of the P M he return'd some time in the evening otherwise his work differ'd not from what he did yesterday. This morning Mr Marsh came to see my cows in order to buy one but it happen'd that none of them will calve soon enough for him; but he thinks he shall have one of me if he should not make out any better. It has been a showery day rain'd a little in A M about the middle of the P M it rain'd for a short.

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time considerably after that the fog came down the sides of the mountains which made the weather appear verry gloomy. The air has been pretty still a light breeze came from the South in the morning, but the rest of the day it blew from N W it has been a cool day-

20th

wednesday in the morning I went down to Jonas's to talk with him about the spring, but he could not come today I had some thought of going at it myself but I didn't. I follow'd my plow the same as I have done for these 2 days, Ira has done so likewise, web both got to work late in the morning & kept at it later at night. Rainy & lowery in the morning wind South, toward noon it broke away into flying clouds in the P M there were some few others with a kind of hazy smokey atmosphere, pretty warm in P M when compar'd with the A M wind N W. Two or three of the preceding days have been smokey & I have omitted mention it, thro' forgetfulness. Tame cherries are still hangin on the trees tho few in number- I believe it rain'd some in the night. My father kept himself verry busy today clearing off those trees he cut down about the 2d of June * see page 8th-

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Thursday. when I left home it look'd likely to rain, it did accordingly, after I had plow'd a few bouts, I left my team and took shelter under neighbor Norton's roof till the storm was over-then return'd to my team and turn'd them out to pasture went home it was some I time before noon, however I lost no time by that, because I busi'd myself in the barn. I sent Hiram (about noon) up to Gatea's to get a horse sod, but he return'd without effecting his purpose, Ira left his work & went home when the rain came on, he & I took up our teams early in P M and continu'd our business until night. This morning previous

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to its raining the clouds were verry thick and hung so

low as to touch the mountains it was also smokey, so that it darken'd the atmosphere in a moderate degree, it really appear'd gloomy for awhile. The rain came on and last'd about 2 hours pretty tight, the clouds then rather broke away the sun cast forth his beams between the flying vapors that envelop'd the skies, in this manner, it continu'd till ~~eve~~-the smoke was not thick today only enough to make the air blue-one thing more that is the wind blew steady & strong from the south-

22d

Friday-My work did not change from what it was yesterday, but I didn't get quite so much of it done as I laid out to in the morning because I was hinder'd in the middle of the day, by having a parcel of hogs to take care of. I shut up those that I mean to fatten in a pen by themselves I now give them green corn with the stalks and husks besides a little provender. This is all that I have to say of myself today, Ira follow'd his business verry cheerfully.. of the weather I shall speak briefly, it rain'd a little in the morning, before noon there was a considerable shower which arose in the S W, the main body of which pass'd off to the E of us but it was attend'd with some degree of thunder & lightnig. The clouds continu'd to move from the South in broken manner till the latterpart of the P M, they then collect'd in to a compact body in the S- it appear'd to be calculated to come here, it only sprinkl'd a few drops upon us, but on Carpenter's hill, Hous's, valley & all S of there, it appear'd to shower down upon them verry heavy. This shower was also attend'd with thunder. Nothing remarkable occur'd after this wind has been steadily from S W

23d

Saturday-I held plough as usual till noon. P M assist'd Capt Norton & his brother with my cart & oxen getting in hay, he had two teams besides mine so that their hay was soon secur'd. I pitchfork'd for Capt Norton to load, niram rak'd after cart when the teams had drawn in all the hay, they drew in several loads of oats my team went two loads but I didn't go with them but help'd about stacking oats, my cart was left load & my turn'd in to my pasture, when I was not present, they secur'd all their oats that were not carri'd in to the barn. Ira in the A M

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finish'd plowing the fallow ground the 2d time. In the P M he plow part of that ground from whence we rais'd our barley & Flax this year (see vol 2d pg 72 *) The air was temperate. cloudy. A M wind N W P M S W-

24th

Sunday Went to church Mr marsh preach'd it has rain'd continually cloudy, from morning till after Sundown it then clear'd off the air has been uncommonly chilly thro' the whole day wind northardly- Corn Potatoes & Beans are in a flourishing condition, Grass is kept back, in a great measure by grass-hoppers-

25th

Monday niram did not drive team for me today I had to do without a driver and have a boy (Jack Street) to ride horse in his stead, & so drive my oxen myself, in this manner

I have executed a pretty good days work. Ira finish'd plowing the E past of the Tracy field and plow'd a few furrows on the W side where we had Rye this year; Hiram & Jonas thresh'd winter wheat with his span of Horses. The weather was fine today. A little fog ascended the mountains in the morn; the preceding night had been very cold, the rest of the day the air was temperate, the wind was from N W till just at night it was then S W - signs of rain-

26th

Tuesday I plow'd with the boy and team till noon I then lent my oxen to Messrs Thomas and Gates to draw into the Barn 3 loads of Oats, in the P M I sent Hiram (he & Jonas had been threshing in the A M) into the field plowing, he informs me that he had to wait a considerable time for the oxen, so that he didn't plow a great deal. I work'd at the Barn, helping my Father about stacking straw & assisting Jonas at winnow the Wheat which amount'd to nearly 27 bushels, for I can't tell certainly how much there is of it because we did not finish winnowing. Sun-about an hour high I went up to the field and took the oxen from the plow & put them upon the cart and drew in 2 loads of Spring Wheat. 17 Shks & 9 Svs

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and I'm glad to say this is all. Jonas & Hiram with the Horses in 2 days have thresh'd 50 Shocks of wheat. Ira has been plowing on the fallow ground a 3d time. The wind has been uniformly S W today & the clouds thicken'd up quite fast in the P M, before night it began to rain in the N W and appear'd likely to here, but didn't

27th

Wednesday After having some trouble about getting my team together I follow'd my plough pretty steady, till turn'd out for night. Jack Street rode horse for me again. Ira has plow'd a very good days work upon the fallow ground, Jonas & Hiram say it took them till late in the A M before they could get ready for threshing so they didn't get off their 3d flooring (A flooring for Horses 150 shieves or 10 Shocks) but left it rather more than half thresh'd it is Jonas's horse's that do the threshing. This morning the mountain tops were crown'd with thick mist. Heavy clouds were in the E & S of us. This scene was soon chang'd to a delightful clouded sky, the clouds being driven before a light N Wester. temperate air-

28th

Thursday I held plough as I had done before for several days past, I have almost finish'd the last land upon the W side of the field also had the same Team and Boy. For a certain Waggon made or bargain vide page 87 2nd day upon the page. Ira's work was the same thing over again ie ploughing, he had to change his team on account of the waggon business, now for several days past he has work'd a horse of his, by the side of one of mine, till today noon had to turn out his horse to pasture in P M because he was put off for the waggon * Jonas thresh'd wheat in A M with his horse's Hiram assisted him, this time threshing they have beat off 40 Shocks, in the P M they undertook to winnow what was thresh'd but lack'd

for wind, so they left it after having winnow'd a small neap. The man of whom we got the waggon tarries here tonight. It has been a cool day for the season tho' clear, wind N W, the evening was quite chilly and autumn like- One observation further (ei)ie that it was hazy in the South just at night.

* He work'd one of Jonas's in the P M

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29th

Friday in the A M I finish'd ploughing on the W side of the wheat stubble and went over upon the E side & plough'd (was-here-here) that strip of land which I left there when I began to plough the field see page 33d and 2d day on that page, Jonas & Hiram took off the old Ryley Barn (now in Capt Hinman's possession), and put it upon upon Capt Hinman's land for when it stood, it was upon my Father's land and very much in the way too, and there never was any promise from my father to Capt Hinman or any one else that the Barn should stand upon his (my father's) land. It was built by my brother Asa, I gave him leave to set it where he did (which was upon the same ground that it always occupied till today) tho' I had no authority to do it any more than any of our neighbors, or any other indifferent man, it was sold by Asa to one Sage from him to J Ryley from his hands it pass'd into Hinman's. Within the last last 12 months, I have frequently notified Hinman, that I wished to have him take away his Barn, & he has frequently promis'd he would, the last time I went to see him about it he intimated that the Barn was a poor old thing, that he should take it away, but did not think it worth setting up again. Now it is a month since a parcel high-fellows raz'd this old Barn to the ground, in so doing they cut off some of the braces & some other parts of the timber, so as to render the frame entirely unfit to set up again, accordingly Jonas went to work to get it off any way most convenient-cut out a number of braces &c, while he was thus busied in my service; Capt Hinman came up- he was so verry angry as to be unable to utter a syllable, he hower said a word or 2 which verry much spill'd my temper-but I said verry little to him but kept about my work, the old man went off. Jonas winnow'd up 23 bbls of wheat this P M Hiram & I finish'd ploughing-and top-rail'd Hinman's fence between his Ryley place and our farm(See Monday next

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30th

Saturday Jonas & I thresh's & winnow'd 7 bbls of Rye.. Ira with oxen & Hiram with Horses finish'd plowing the fallow ground a 3d time it is now ready for sowing. The air was smokey wind in the South in the A M few or no clouds P M it was hazy & cloudy-signs or signs of rain- it was verry warm today-compar'e with some days we have had preceding this. This A M Capt Norton inoculated several trees in my young orchard

31st

Sunday I this day had the pleasure of hearing Mr Marshal preach. I shall make no comments upon what he said. he had a verry pleasant audience. It has been warm today-was very cloudy in the morning- other parts of the day flying clouds wind South. Last evening was warm.

1st

Monday I begun to sow Rye upon the field which I finish'd plowing last Friday. This field is bounded on the E by Capt Hinman's Ryley lot (in the center of rather a few rods South of the center of this line stood the old Barn, which has had so much said of it) (on the) and Norton's orchard-South by his farm- west by a part of our own farm- north by the same and a few rods of Capt Hinman's Dr Fay farm- line running from E to W the field contains 15 1/2 acres, the whole of it I'm going to sow with Rye. After having sown 4 bhis of Rye on the same no of Acres of ground. Jonas thresh'd out & winnow'd 9 bhis of Rye. Ira & Hiram with their 2 teams harrow'd in the Rye which I had sown. The South wind has blown pretty strong and steady (from) toward night the clouds thicken'd up verry fast- in the evening it rain'd-Friday last brot from the opposite page. Now when Capt Hinman came to me in my field I salut'd him with "Good morning" &c" I cannot positively say what he said

at that time, but I shall venture to say thus: "Im verry much affronted, I cannot speak" and some other words to the same purpose, to avoid a quarrel I made no answer; but kept about my business, I shall now leave Capt Hinman for something more substantial. The weather was pretty warm, Sky hazy in the South, it was clear in the North- wind South, Ira plow'd with the Horses-

2d.

Tuesday in the A M clear'd off some brush from the ground where we wish'd to plough. Jonas tackl'd the new Waggon & drew a few loads of wood for himself, at first I did not like this waggon because it was not made Jersey-fashion, but upon a farther consideration upon the matter I believe I shall like the thing well enough to own it. Ira & Hiram plow with oxen and 1 horse on the W side of Tracy-field- Rye-stubble (see page 19 July 21-1806) P M Ira Jonas & Myself attended Freeman's metting. I voted for following candidates- for Gov'r Israel Smith- Lieut Gov'r Paul Brigham, in this town I Tichenor had votes- I Smith I put in the following list of Council-lors- which I shall set down in the following order. Wm Henry Jun, had my vote for representative from the town Also James Witherill for repre's for the S W Dis to Congress

Councillors	Josiah Wright	James witherill	Nathaniel Niles
	Jonas Galusna	Asaph Fletcher	Beriah Loomis
	Eliakim Spooner	Elias Hays	Noah Chittenden
	Samuel Shepardson	Ebenezer wheelock	John White
	Benjamin Swan	Treasurer	

We this day (by a letter from Ephrm Taylor) got the mournful news of the death of our sister Lucretia Dewey-who departed this life on (Tuesday) Sunday-13th of July. Brther Taylor lives in Tyringham he dated his letter 22d of July the letter has lain in our Post-office more than a month. it was thro' negligence in the Post-master and ourselves that we didn't get this letter before, it informs that Lucretia died on Stockbridge planes (for farther particulars see the letter) This morning everything "out of Doors", was wet & the brook was considerably rais'd; if one Smith gets

may judge from these things that a large quantity of rain had fallen during the night, it was desired by every friend to agriculture & it was really necessary to the growth of fall vegetables. The ground before this rain was very dry-the roads were extremely dusty- it was so in the plow-field that it was very uncomfortable working upon it- harrowing or plowing, but all this has now ceased. It didn't clear off today, but was very cloudy and some drizzly- I mean after it rain'd an hour or 2 pretty smartly in the morning, in the A M it was of heavy-dull-warm wind South- P M it was cooler, wind N W a little before evening it began to rain very fast. Now at bed it still continues. I think foliage begins to fade a little, tho' many trees are as bright as ever. The Melon, Apple and some few plums, will now do to eat.

3d

Wednesday Little was done today Jonas, Myself & Father fix'd the barn floor for threshing seed-wheat, chief that was done after this was to thresh (with Horses) 1 flooring of 200 shieves another of * shieves. I suppose it rain'd during the whole of last night it didn't cease today till almost noon, this storm is tedious the N W wind blew strong & steady; in the P M it rain'd about 3 hours, the wind strengthened especially after it had stop'd raining, in fact this storm has been a very inclement one, I hope it is over for the poor cattle sake, for I believe this rain at this season is as tedious for them as snow is in the winter-

4th

Thursday Jonas & I thresh'd with his span of Mares two floorings or 22 Shocks & no shieves add this to what was thresh'd yesterday and it makes 39 Sh & 40 shieves, we winnow'd & measur'd the Wheat to amount to 14 bbls of pretty good quality too; it is for seed. I hear bad news from Troy concerning wheat, it is said to be only 10 shillings per bushel, but as low as it may be, I shall soon be obliged to carry a load there & sell it, to stop the mouths of my creditors. Ira & Hiram with a 3 cattle team finish'd lowing

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ing that piece which they begun last Tuesday they say that the ground appears to them to be thoroughly soak'd, that it has made the ground plough much easier than it did before the rains. After they had finish'd the plowing they took a load of those (or) rails that Ira drew from the fallows (see page day upon the page) With these they top-rail'd the fence between the S meadow & my orchard. This A M was chilly, the sun was hardly seen, the clouds were thick. In the P M it became warmer, the sun shone out pretty clear before night, the evening was clear, damp and chilly. The wind has been N W. The effects of our late grand rain shall be notic'd in another place-

5th

Friday This AM I have sown about 4 1/4 bushels of Ry upon

4 acres of ground. In the PM I did nothing worth journalizing. Ira went with a team of 3 hors's, his downs Colt being one of them, he never work'd but little before today, he goes extremely well, for a horse no more us'd to the collar than he is, Hiram drove the oxen with the one harrow & Ira with the other harrow'd all that I had sown. The air has been temperate-wind low in the morning, but gradually strenghtend till noon, it remain'd awhile about the same pitch- subsided before night, I would not have it understood that the (cloud) wind has been high for it has been only a common breeze. AM the clouds were verry thick & ran low so as to touch the mountains whose sides were cover'd with fog. In the P M they were carri'd higher & more broken they ran thick in the E thro' the day- Yesterday P M I had a conferenee with neighbor Hinman, in which we were both cool and deliberate, there was something said about the old barn, which lately occation'd some controversy between Mr Hinman & I, but the matter is now fairly compromised between us but woe to those (whoe) who tore it down, (See page 38 & 40) Capt Hinman now claims a piece of land at the N E end of our Lane *, which my father certainly owns, I defied Hinman to take the land, by any writing he can produce "Oh! I scorn the Idea of doing on it," says Hinman. we parted good natur'dly-

* leading into the road.

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- 6 Saturday-A M verry busily employ'd by sowing Rye, I finish'd off a 15 1/2 acre-piece (see page 23d) Upon this field I have sown 13 busnells of Rye. Ira & Hiram finish'd harrowing, in the above field by about Sun-down. My Father work'd verry hard he cut & Biked-up the Tanbrook corn-stalks. Jonas cut down a considerable part of another field this side of the Y orchard, in the P M I went down to Pownal with Mrs Harwood. no particulars as to the weather. Cloudy & temperate. Wind N S-
- 7 (Friday) Sunday Tarried with Mr Stark last night & heard him preach today, got home sun an hour high. The W mountain roar'd this morning, which is a sign of rain, but there has been none today, warm- flying clouds from the N E- some of my Rye has come up sown
- 8 Monday The first thing I shall notice is the good effects produc'd by our last rain, in the vegetable world, it is very conspicuous from the livliness of their color, which before the rain had begun to fade & decay, it has fill'd the Brooks & Rivulets with a new supply of water, it (had) nas almost ensur'd us with a good crop of Indian-corn- in short it added great pleasantry & beauty to the whole face of nature. The air was chang'd from warm to a verry agreeable temperature, that is, after the storm was over. the greatest inconvenience that attended it, was. its beating off many Apples & Butternuts. Beating down corn and while it last'd was pretty tedious for cattle & hors's. Now the business of the day shall be given. My sowing apparatus constituted a pretty good load for the oxen to draw into the field, which has hitherto born the name of fallow ground it is bounded on the S by the S W pasture and the sugar Orchard, on the W by the Woods-pasture, on the North by the

by the young orchard & E by the (Tan) Tracy Field, I don't know of a better name to give this field, than "West-field". for it runs farther west, than any other improv'd land, belonging to the Farm. I began to sow (after I had plaster'd my wheat) at the south W

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corner of the field, my lands stretch from N W to S E, 6 Bushels of wheat were sown, by my hand, this day. Ira & Hiram harrow'd, the one with 3 Horses the other with oxen. At noon I was oblig'd to go with Mr Thomas and prize the damage done by Mr Lewis's cattle to W S Stark's corn. Our judgment is not yet declar'd. Jonas today cut the remaining corn-stalks in the (T) Triangular field, but did not take them up. Hurry of business has prevent'd me from taking much notice of the weather today, but I believe it appear'd likely to rain in the A M, the clouds were thick & impenetrable by sun-beams. P M clouds were broken, so that the sun was seen most of the time, wind South- Mr N Smith sat out on his journey for Hopkinton, New York-carri'd several letters from me to Dr Hopkins, one of which is a copy of Letter from Tyringham (see page 40).

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Tuesday follow'd the business of sowing all the A M 6 bbls of wheat went from my to the ground. Jonas at the same time cut about 40 rows of corn-stalks in Northfield, these, with those that Jonas cut Yesterday, were bound & Piked in the P M by him & Ira and Hiram with their respective teams, kept their harrows in motion until late in the day. Fore part of the day nothing worthy of remark took place in regard to the weather but in the P M the clouds began to gather into large bodies- the roaring of thunder was heard at a distance- a shower gather'd in the W & pass'd off to the S of us, another, soon made its appearance in the same quarter and seem'd to bear down upon us pretty hard, but it only sprinkl'd a few drops here, this was the largest cloud of the 2 & appear'd to rain much heavier in Pownal, the air was warm & smokey with wind S till after the shower, it was then N W considerable lightning, but not near enough to hear thunder- I should have mention'd in the South-

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10th

Wednesday This A M about 10 O'clock I finish'd sowing a field of 9 acres upon which I have sown 13 bushels of wheat, the whole of which I plaster'd save about a pecke or peck at N E corner, left for experiment. Ira & Hiram finish'd dragging or harrowing. Besides sowing I only assist'd my Father about cleaning up some wheat & getting the floor clear from it, which was not a verry quick job. The weather was pleasant- the sky was interspers'd with light flying clouds. A considerable breeze came from N W, the air grew cooler from morn till night-

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Thursday. This morning before breakfast, an acre 1/4 was sown with Rye by my hand, on the West side of Tracy field, this Ira harrow'd over with a team of four, time enough to carry a load of Flax into the pasture. Jonas Myself & Hiram

thresh'd almost the whole of my flax, we whipped it across Barrels. This morning the ground & fences were cover'd with frost. The preceding night it was verry cold comparatively speaking-stars were verry bright. The early part of the day was verry pleasant, but before night it grew hazy. wind N W till middle P M. then South-temperate air-

12th

Friday We got our flax seed winnow'd with a good wind before the rain came on, but it began to rain soon after moderately. I sent Ira & Hiram with the last load of flax into the S W corner of the S pasture, when they return'd we all took our loose Cart & went to the pasture in order to spread the flax but when we arriv'd there it rain'd so hard that we could do nothing to it, more than to spread about the handfuls that had been thrown from the cart into large heaps, to keep them from spoiling in a long rain, so we came home again. I did not feel well any time this morning; when I got into the house I felt sick at my stomach vomited severely-in short I was a sick man, most of the day. I however recover'd considerably before night so as to be able to feel

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feed the swine and some other light affairs, Jonas & my Father clean'd the flax seed (9 bhl & a half) in A M. P M Jonas & Hiram thresh'd one flooring of wheat with hors's (165 shvs) & took away the straw. A great deal of rain fell today it began to rain about 9 in the A M when it began to rain, from that time till sun half an hour high there was hardly any cessation, some of the time the rain came down almost in streams, before a verry heavy South-Wester, it calm'd in the evening-did not rain at that time, this storm has been tedious for all creatures of the domestic or wild kind that were expos'd to it, I stabl'd my Hors's the whole day-

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Saturday As for Ira & I we had to labor hard to get all the flax spread, had Father to unbind and lay down the handful, as we want'd them, after I ended this job, it seemed as though my back had been broken off. I think the flax this year spread over more ground than it did last Jonas & Hiram thresh'd 22 shocks of wheat with the hors's Jonas rix'd for winnowing, but he had no steady breeze to do it by; so he quit it- (he clean'd about a bhl) and stack'd his straw) I expect that I shall get 20 bhl's of wheat at this time threshing, what was done yesterday & today amounts to 33 sks. I suppose it rain'd most of last night thunder'd considerably, for awhile after sun-rise it was verry free from storm or rain, but this was succeeded by a misty rain, which nappily for me didn't last long, about 10 O'clock the sun broke thro' the clouds, but didn't shine out clear for sometime, it was so hazy, the P M was rather odd in the weather, for the wind (ei) was in no settled direction & sometimes blew from N E sometimes from South, the forrests roar'd. The sky was clear over our heads this P M but in the South it was cloudy or hazy till night, it then clear'd off in all directions-it has been a temperately day-as to heat-evening cold-

- 14 Sunday Heard Mr Marsh preach A M & Mr Jonn Davis P M
A clear temperate day-wind (if i mistake not) in N E
last night a cold one-
- 15 Monday i finish'd sowing for the season by about 11 A M
i've sown the ground where i rais'd Flax & Barley this
year (See Vol 2d page 72-3 of may 1806) Ira & Hiram with
2 teams, plow'd it in & ran it over once with the harrow.
i winnow'd that wheat which Jonas thresh'd the other day
but did not measure it. Assisted Father about binding some
stalks he had cut, help'd him gather hops, so amongs all my
business i made out a pretty good days work. in the morn
ing the South wind blew up for a short time pretty fresh
middle of the day wind N-latterp part of the day wind
South- few clouds A M Afternoon some hazy. This fall I've
sown 14 1/2 bbls of Rye & 15 of Wheat, the former takes up
15 acres of ground, the latter 11 acres. so that the whole
number of acres are 26. rye has start'd up since it was
it was put into the ground & looks pretty well. wheat has
also become to come up. the leaves have begun to fall.
Beach leaves many of them are quite ripe-tops of forrests
in vales have been nip'd by the frost which verry much
alters their appearance-
- 16 Tuesday A M Jonas & I mend'd the stone-Boat, Ira & Hiram
finish'd cutting stalks, but didn't bind them, these stalks
are in the N field P M all of us went up to the S W corner
of my present wheat field, digging stone to make the wall
which is lacking there (see 5 of July-page 10th)- the dis-
tance is 8 rods, we took up our Boat & Oxen but didn't use
them. three Tin-pedlars lodg'd here last night for whom
I kept 7 hors's, one of these pedlars whose name is Lee
put up here the 13 of last June, he then had 3 hors's & a
Boy with him for his charges at that time seepage 1st last
line of the 1st day, at this time he had with him 2 waggons
& a hir'd man & 5 hors's

I charg'd him 1 dollar 20 cents, the otherpedlar was Mr
Marks. A great dew fell last night it was not verry cold.
The day has been warm, wind South; a few flying clouds, but
nothing can prevent its being called a pleasant day-

- 17 Wednesday Jonas & myself laid wall, Ira & Hiram with oxen &
Boat drew the materials, we left our wall time enough to
bind up ira & Hiram's stalks. the preceding night was verry
temperate. The day has been verry warm, air a little smoky
wind N W- Mr Stephen Pratt & 2 other men went up to an oak
tree a little way to the South of where we were at work, in
order to get some honey, they sent one of their hands up, who
saw'd off a large limb, while he was doing this we left our
work to see how they would make out & get some honey, but
now great was our disappointment, when behold there was
nothing to be found in the limb, but some old rotten-dry-
honeycomb !!! --

- 18th Thursday We did not have all the advantages in our work
today which we were masters of yesterday, then, our stones

were dug and last'ed most of the day, but today it took three of us to keep one to work on the wall, however our materials lay verry handy-we could get them in pretty fast, being upon a steep side-hill, where we could roll many of them down to the wall. we finish'd this heavy piece of work about sun-down, in few days we have built 8 rods of wall 3 of us didn't go to the house for dinner, but to save time, it was carri'd to them. I can now say that this year I have builded or built 105 rods of wall including 4 pairs of bars, I am unable at present to find out its cost * The air has been heated to a considerable degree today it has been quite smokey in P M cloudy in the N.W in the eve'g thunder heard from that quarter this eve'g was also warm, wind South

19th

Friday Stak'd & poll'd the top of that part of the wall which divides the wheat field from the woods pasture, Jonas split out most of the stakes & I drove them, we made 3 new pairs of bars. It was verry warm in the fore part & middle of the day, after that it didn't

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abate much, there was a little wind stirring in the A M from S W, some clouds came from that quarter-a little before (not) noon, we heard thunder- about 2 P M a verry dark thunder-cloud began to rise from the N W. its motion was not slow for in less than an hour it came on to us with great rapidity the wind blew violently just before it came up some most tremendous claps of thunder were heard- it had not rain'd here more than 15 minutes before the brook was rais'd more than half its common size- the face of the earth was soon cover'd with little ponds & brooks- large brooks ran in the road- indeed I do not it has rain'd so much in so short a time this summer its duration was little more than an hour, after that nothing material occur'd- it was cooler in the evening it was warm- clear sky over our heads but it lighten'd from every direction, but no thunder was heard tho' the clouds were in sight (it being moonlight) the air was damp- wind N W

20th

Saturday in the A M Jonas & the rest of us put up the cyder mill but not ready for grinding, after this was done, Ira & Jonas gather'd apples, not far from the cyder mill, I should have said Niram also; I mended the cart-body ready to receive apples. in the P M took the cart into the young orchard & there gather'd what apples we could find under the trees without shaking (one or two trees excepted) any, we reckon'd we got enough here for more than 3 barrels of cyder. I don't think there are many orchards of the same binness * with so much bad tasted fruit in them, but I have premis'd myself that, if I live till next spring & have the care of this Orchard, that it shall be ingrafted with better fruit. There are a number of grafts or scions, in many of the trees but they'er not old enough yet to produce any fruit. Capt Norton put them in about 2 years ago, he has this year inoculat'd many of the trees (see 30th of Aug page 39). We left the young orchard sun about an hour high

with a load of apples, as soon as ira had unloaded these he returned to the Triangular corn-field & loaded up with corn that my Father~~y~~ husk'd for the purpose of drying. This day he gather'd 7 bushels of

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Corn 4 for drying & e 1 for the hogs.

In the morning it was foggy little(not) or no wind stirring at length a sort breeze came from (the) the South the fog ascended into higher regions & there form'd into thick clouds-the sun was not seen till after 10 O'clock, before that time the air was pretty comfortable, but when the sun appear'd among the clouds, the heat was violent & it last'd so most of the P M-it was cloudy & hazy till sometime in the P M, for awhile the sky was pretty clear, but it was soon cover'd with thousands of small broken clouds, which we generally denominate "rain-seeds", in the evening it was verry much as the day had been- cloudy & warm with wind pretty stiff in the South. After we left young ur'd more apples were gather'd, perhaps 50 phls were collected today- I must here observe that my winter-grain, since its coming up, has had a verry rapid growth-wheat in a special manner-

21.

Sunday I heard Mr Farlee of Manchester, preach, but I didn't like him as well(as) (we) as I do Mr Marsh- There was considerable thunder in the M this morning-clouds at that time were pretty thick & heavy over our heads, but they grew thinner after a while & to cut short, I shall only say, that it was a verry warm cloudy day-wind South-

22

Monday The first thing done this morning was, to raise the Cyder-mill sweep, myself Jonas Ira & Hiram were the only ones engag'd in it. After breakfast Ira & I went up into the field where I had wheat this year (see page 39) and gather'd the apples from two trees which stand nearly in the center of the field from N to S & close by the W fence of said field, these trees yielded about 16 phls of Apples, they ** were transported in a cart to the cyder-mill What makes me more particular about mentioning the 2 trees is because they never were of so much consequence before, in making Cyder when we had done this, ira & I spent the ~~rest~~ rest of

*It is meant that the apples were carri'd in a cart, not the trees.

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the A M in Clark's Orchard, gathering the Apples that had fallen to the ground by wind or some other accident, we completed this business about 3 in the P M, the most I did after that, was, to thresh some rye, just at night I sent off with a waggon-load of Cyder to the Still. Jonas work'd in my service at the Cyder-mill, he had considerable fixing to do, before he could fairly commence his business, however

he laid up a pretty good Cheefe, in which Adam Waters has got 24 bhls of apples, Jonas press'd out 7 barrels before sundown. Hiram work'd with his uncle Jonas- The weather has chang'd verry much within a few hours, it has been quite cool, when compar'd with some of the preceding days, clouds thick in the morning, but the other parts of the day the sky was hazy- wind N W, the evening air was chilly--

23

Tuesday It was with considerable trouble that I drew off from 3 or 4 hogsheads 4 barrels of Old Cyder & Cyder-emptings, with which, Ira went to the still, the most that was done after that was for myself Jonas & Hiram (I ought to have said my rather) to dig all the potatoes round the N field, they yield verry poorly part of them are what we call "blue-noses", these potatoes are good to eat, but do not yield well, I believe I shan't plant them another season, another sort~~y~~ grew on the same piece, call'd " English whites" they commonly yield verry well & answer every purpose that the blue-noses do. These I shall keep or in otherwords I shall plant them next year. Ira had to get the waggon mend'd so he didn't get home again till some time in the P M, just at night I sent him down to the still with 4 barrels of new Cyder. We got only about 22 bhls of Potatoes dug today. verry cold cold last night a little frost. The day has been cool wind N W sky nazy- we have, till lately had some trouble with our Young cattle-about keeping at home-would get the other side of the W but they are now all at home-

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Wednesday in the first place took off from the Cyder-press a dry cheese, after that we took the Cart & Oxen up to that corn-field this side of the Young Orchard, here we spent the rest of the day-dug all the potatoes in the field, tho' they turn'd out but few in a hill, they were verry large & sound, there were a few in the field the seed of which came as originally from England, that didn't do verry well-had a good many to a hill, but were exceeding small, I've a poor opinion of them, their color is a mixture of white & red. We put into the cellar 34 bhls of Potatoes. F ather Myself & Ira work'd together the whole day, Hiram was with us in the P M. he help'd his-uncle make cyder in the A M We pull'd most of the beans in that field today, Jonas had the Cyder-mill in his own service today making Capt Squires Cyder- The morning was cold- so had been the preceding night a considerable frost, toward night it became warm -the evening was chilly-morn'g wind South, middle of the day-northwardly-at night in the South again- Sky was hazy-

25

Thursday Altho' I kept myself & those who work'd for me, pretty busy, nothing of any great importance was perform'd. Ira & I mend'd that piece of fence which runs W from the S W corner of the Barn yard. of this piece of fence only a few rods were mended, here we found nearly a cart-load of old broken rails, these are taken for firewood & good rails now supply their places. The Stack-yard was fenc'd today. Jonas & Hiram thresh'd two floorings with the horss

& got another partly done.- The has been verry drizzly- clouds have been thick- air a little chilly- wind most of the time in the N- at night it set into a kind of slow rain-

26

Friday This days-work scarce deserves a place in this journal, however, I shall insert it, according to my custom. In the morning, I had the Oxen brot' up & yok'd to the cart in order to go into the Young Orchard & gather its fruit, but it began to storm-the Oxen were turn'd out to pasture again; before

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this Jonas had been threshing with the Hors's had finish'd the last flooring that he had down yesterday -his business call'd him away (so) What we did after that, was to take away that flooring of Straw & fix the wheat ready for winnowing. My Father, Myself & Son were engag'd in t his business, Ira went to town to get his horse shod, he didn't get home till some time in the P M That it rain'd most of the night appear'd from everything being wet this morning, but I don't think a great deal of water fell. All I shall say of the day is, that it was foggy on the mountains-but little wind in motion, that from about 8 or 9 in the A M it kept up a verry moderate rain till toward night, when it ceas'd but look'd likely to rain before long. I cannot certainly say in what direction the wind was; but I believe it was South at night-

27

Saturday Jonas & I winnow'd 22 1/2 bbls of wheat. Father & the Boys gather'd about 20 bbls apples from 2 trees standing between the house & Barn. P M gather'd Apples in the young orchard to the amount of 50 bbls. My wheat this time turns out better than any I have thresh'd before. for there were only 34 shocks of 61 single-band shieves thresh'd. The weather was cloudy the whole day-not to such a degree as not to admit the rays of the sun-once in a while. now since this last rain the air has been quite temperate, but today it began to alter The wind fair in the N W, evening cold-

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Sunday Ira & I went over to Petersburg (N Y) to a Methodist camp-meeting- all was nere confusion & uproar- some praying, some swearing-some drinking and others preaching, in short, it was the most bedlam-like place that ever I was in. I left them about two in the P M-got home sun half an hour high. The distance was about 10 miles. The day was verry fair-morn'g wind South but the otherparts of the day it was N W- Air cool-

29

Monday We finish'd gathering the first of the young orchard about 4 in the P M, after this was pver a few bushels of corn were gather'd & our days work was done. Jonas went off on a journey today. Ira work only in the A M, he having a lame shoulder

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From the young orchard we reckon we've got (0) 100 bbls & upwards of Apples which is double to what we had last

year. Fair & cold morning but no frost, A M hazy. P M cloudy-wind south- air temperate, leaves fade quite fast.

30th

Tuesday A great deal was done this forenoon. Hiram & I thresh'd 3 busheis of oats, winnow'd them ! P M Father Self & son gather'd a cart-body full of corn, from the field adjoining the orchard. This corn was sort'd & carri'd into the garret there are 10 bbls of sound corn & I do not certainly know how much the soft corn amount- ed to, but I guess it was about 4 bbls- Ira was unable to work, his shoulder is still lame with the rheumatism. Uncle Mathew Clark set off for Colerain about noon, he is returning from a pretty long journey to the western part of the State of N York, he has been here with 3 hors's ever since Sunday night, he was verry welcome. It rain'd a considerable part of A M the rest of the day was cloudy- clouds came from N E This month has been pretty wet, grass has flourish, grain has advanc'd verry rapidly, there has been no frost yet to (inj) injure anything more than pumpkin-vines, in short this month has been the pleasant- est of any in the year, tho' we have experienced many changes in the weather-from verry warm to temperate, from that to chilly, yet this all had its good effects-

Names of those who have bro't wheat or me

Name	No of bbls	D	S	Price	D-	Ct	Total No of
Elias Demic	8			11	50	12	bbls * thres'd
John Norton	20						since harvest
M J Lyman	3			do	d		is 118 1/2
Sam'l Thayer	5						No of Shocks
--Fillamore	4						are 195--
Sam'l Brown	14						
Nath'n Robinson	7 2/1						

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Wednesday The corn in the little field next to Street's tan-yard was gather'd of which there was not quite a cart-body full Jonas had corn here to give his hog or we should have had more. From this field we got 4 loads of Pumpkins, one load was given to Jonas. We also dug 9 bbls of Potatoes from the same ground, or more properly, the same field, but this is not more than a quarter of its productions in that root, Jonas has had & will have a considerable quantity of them. To close the days work a few beans were pull'd at the hither part of the field. Ira work'd today, Jonas arriv'd here a little after sundown, he has been up to Whitehall. Fore-part of the day cloudy & warm, a little, P M it was clear, but was soon cloud'd again remain'd so till night, when it was clear. There was not much wind here, till middle P M it then began to blow up pretty smartly from N W still continues so, now in the evening-

2d

Thursday Digging potatoes was the only business of the day of these there were bbls dug today, they are verry large, but not a great many in a hill one of them weigh'd 2 lb. The same field we were in yesterday. Jonas assisted. I reckon we have rais'd about bbls of Potatoes this

season. Fair, but windy especially in the morn'g when it was chilly, P M was pretty warm-no wind at night- air chilly expectations of a frost- wind N W -

3d.

Friday Jonas & Hiram thresh'd wheatw with hors's Father & I clear'd the Tan-brook field of all its produce, apples excepted, loads of stalks & a considerable quantity of White-beans were brot' from that place, besides loads of Pumpkins. This morning I sent Ira off for Troy, with a loaded Waggon- 15 bhl's wheat & 9 of (RYE-) of flaxseed- not much frost last night, the morn'g was chilly, but it has grown warmer thro' the whole day-sky a little hazy-wind pretty strong from the south--

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4th

Saturday As soon as Jonas could thresh off the third flooring he & I had as much as we wish'd to do, to get the grain winnow'd by 2 in the P M. The rest of the day was spent in doing trifling kind of work, such as picking winter apples, some corn-- Ira arriv'd here from Troy a little after dark. he got 10/6 per bhl York currency for his wheat, part of his money he brot' home a part of it laid out in such articles as Salt, tea, Sugar &c, for the flaxseed he had 11/0 York per bhl. This evening the wheat that we winnow'd, was measur'd and found to amount to 25 bhl's, the no of Shocks 36. It was warm cloudy & windy from the South in fore part of the day-the clouds mov'd swiftly from the west about 2 P M the wind came about in to the N W from whence there blew some verry heavy gusts or whirlwinds, the sky was soon clear after the wind had turn'd & it grew cooler. especially in the evening--

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Sunday Mr John Davis preach'd-It was a verry fair day wind South at night--

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Monday I fix'd things in the Barn, to suit my mind & then went to work & cut up two loads of corn & drew one of them into the Barn, the other is left near the Barn, one of these loads was husk'd out by 4 of us viz Father, Myself Jonas & Hiram, it made 12 bhl 1/2 Baskets of sound corn & a considerable quantity of soft corn, it was pretty late when we had done all this- Jonas had the Cyder-mill today-so he did no work for me till night- It was verry clear till toward night when it became verry cloudy & look'd likely for rain, but it finally blew over the day has been warm. A M wind S late P M North--

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Tuesday 2 loads of corn were cut up today besides 2 extra loads of Pumpkins & another cart-body full. I reckon there is about 5 common cart-loads of them, from the same field we got a small load of beans, this field is what we call the N field, I want to get it clear'd so as to keep the beer-cattle in the N Meadow. Had no help from Jonas he being busy with his cyder in A M P M he had to attend training. Ira came home from Troy about 9 o'clock this morning, when he went to Troy this time he had a load of 25 bhl's wheat. he got * 10/5 per bhl. This evening 5 of us have husk'd

One load of corn, I mean where the corn was in the husk.
A fairer day I never saw, a slight breeze from N W-

8th Wednesday The North field was cleared today, 2 loads of stalks & one load of corn, we drew from that place, we also got the stalks from the Triangular field amounting to 2 pretty good loads from the same field a small quantity of beans were gathered. P M all the beans that we have gathered from the fields I thresh'd & cleared up. they amount to bbls. Toward the close of the day a few baskets corn were husk'd. In the evening we husk'd another cart load of corn. Some frost to be seen this morning, but it was small wind South. sky hazy till some time P M, the sky then, then became pretty clear-air temperate. Jonas assisted only in the eve--

9 Thursday Ira I turn'd the flax in the A M. P M I pick'd winter-apples & did some other trifling work, such as screwing the Cyder-press &c Jonas took the boys with him into Col'n Robinson's Orchard, to gathering Apples. This orchard Jonas taken in order to make the apples in to cyder, he means to have half

* York currency

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In the eve we husk'd corn. It has been hazy & a little cloudy, wind South, signs of a storm, warm- I paid up a note of 32 Dollars to Capt Moses Robinson, reckoning the interest-

10th Friday I gathered winter-apples & took some care of Jonas cyder that he is now making for Atwood. Jonas work'd in Col'n David's Orchard, He & ~~Ira~~ Ira with Hiram & another small Boy, gathered and brot to our mill 100 bushels of Apples, they had two waggons- Air was was chilly in the morning-with wind N- middle of the day temperate, but toward night it was quite chilly & uncomfortable, so was the eve wind South, many signs of a storm have been seen today, such as being hazy, its being cloudy at night & the direction of the wind-

11 Saturday A large heap of our own Apples were ground & laid on to the Press, from this cheefe several barrels of Cyder have been extracted 57 them Ira carri'd to still 7 1/2 of them are put into my Father's Cellar. I have been hurried out of my senses & done nothing- so it goes- A chilly wind has been continually pouring from the South, it was very cloudy, about dark it began to rain.

12 Sunday, did not attend public worship. It has been pretty warm or to speak more to the purpose, I should say that it was temperate, verry cloudy, heavy wind from the south, it rain'd but verry little last night, but today it has shower'd several times, at night the rain came on pretty briskly, from the South--

13 Monday But little work done in the A M, in the P M a load of corn was gathered by Father Myself & Ira, the last mentioned character was sent down to the still with a load

of Cyder, it was late when he got back. This load of corn was brot' from the Tri'n field, & is the

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poorest of any I have before gather'd. Jonas & Hiram with the hors's thresh'd 24 snocks of wheat.- Now I think it is time for me to make some remarks upon the appearance of things at present. Wheat & Rye grows well, such as was sown in good season. Trees have faded verry much within a fortnight, they now no longer retain that beautiful verdure, which they had in the summer months, but in stead of that, a deadly yellow covers most of them. some are almost strip'd of their leaves. this is a (sig) sign that winter is not far off- A vast quantity of seed grew on every tree, this season, such as Basswood maple & the like. An extraordinary year for butternuts & Beach-nuts, as for chestnuts I know nothing about them, this year, as none of them grow within 4 or 5 miles of this place.- Early this morning the South-West wind blew verry heavy, but it soon chang'd about into the N W & then it began to rain, a pretty tight shower follow'd, accompanied by many heavy gusts of wind, after this, it was squally, the evening was dark & cloudy, the air has been rather damp & chilly.-

14th

Tuesday my Father & myself gather'd a large load of corn containing about 20 bshs/ 2 baskets, besides doing this, we clean'd that wheat which Jonas thresh'd yesterday, but didn't measure it. Hiram & Ira work with Jonas, in Col'n David's Orchard, I believe they gather'd & brot home 100 bshs of apples. A M cold, wind high N W, P M wind subsided, air warmer. A M flying clouds, P M pretty clear & pleasant, frost expected.-

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15th

Wednesday First business was to measure up about 16 bushels of wheat, as to what follow'd, it is sufficient to say that we finish'd our fall harvest, by gathering one load of corn, my corn this year turns out poorly, for from acres; I get only about 80 bushels of sound corn, with a considerable quantity of soft corn- my Pumpkins turn'd out tolerably well this season. they are of much importance to me in making Beef; for I have but a scanty crop of Potatoes, on which we us'd to depend, for making beef.- The day slip'd away hardly perceiv'd without getting any thing uncommon done as it respects business- Ira & Hiram help'd Jonas again about his apples. Ethan A Fay staid here last night- We hear from Middlebury, that Gov'n Tichenor had ~~8833~~ 8833 votes against 6930 votes for Israel Smith Esq, the old Gov'n has got his office again by a majority of 1601 votes.- A chilly breeze came from N W rather increas'd toward night, flying clouds in A M. P M hazy awhile & then a clear day. Last night, had a verry considerable frost, before this, pumpkin-blows were plenty in the field-

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Thursday I thresh'd wheat enough to make out a bhl & 1/2 & (1bhl) 3 pecks of Oats, gather'd winter apples a great part of the day, 5 bshs of them I sent to Mr Palmer, I sent

1. The first part of the paper is devoted to a general survey of the subject.

2. The second part is devoted to a detailed examination of the various aspects of the problem.

3. The third part is devoted to a critical analysis of the existing literature on the subject. It is found that the majority of the studies are based on a limited number of cases, and that the results are often contradictory. This is due to the fact that the subject is still in its infancy, and that there is a need for more extensive research. The author therefore proposes a number of suggestions for future research, which are discussed in the fourth part of the paper.

4. The fourth part of the paper is devoted to a summary of the findings of the study. It is concluded that the subject is a complex one, and that there is a need for further research. The author also expresses his hope that the findings of the study will be of some use to those who are interested in the subject.

5. The fifth part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the implications of the findings of the study. It is found that the findings have a number of important implications for the theory and practice of the subject. These implications are discussed in detail in the sixth part of the paper.

6. The sixth part of the paper is devoted to a conclusion. It is concluded that the findings of the study are of great importance, and that they have a number of important implications for the theory and practice of the subject.

Ira with a load of 5 bbls of cyder & the apples just mention'd to Palmer, Hiram went with another horse and help'd draw the load up to Cada-lane. Nothing of any great importance happen'd while Ira was gone- Verry chilly & windy last night. This morning

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the wind was piercing & chilly, this wind has kept up pretty stead thro' the day, in the middle & after part of the day it was warm enough with a little exercise, but when the sun disappear'd the cold was really verry uncomfortable, the wind still continu'd to blow. Now this wind was not a strong one, it was only what might call'd a stiff breeze, from N W- Hiram work'd with his uncle Jonas helping him make Cyder.-What I did in the morning was on account of sending Ira to Troy with a load of wheat, the waggon was load'd this evening.-

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Friday Hiram & I gather'd about 75 bbls of Apples, in that part of the Orchard E of the House. Ira went off to Troy this morning with 25 bbls of wheat, It was freezing cold last night, mud was congeal'd quite solid & water that stood in open vessels in the air, was scum'd with ice, the morning was a shary cold one, but after the sun had been up awhile, it became quite comfortable, the wind was N W till middle P M, it then turn'd in to the S W- sky hazy at that time, but in the evening it was clear & chilly.-

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Saturday. Gather'd apples had Mr Gates in the P M, but I was hinder'd some by him, as well as help'd by him, for in the A M I spar'd a hand & team to draw a load of wood for him, in the P M he work'd pretty well. That Orchard E of the House was clear'd. Jonas had the misfortune to break one of the Cyder-mill nuts, one of the teeth split off, he was grinding apples for Dr Swift-

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at that time, which he had but half done, the whole would have made but a small Cheese, however, bad it might be, he was oblig'd to press what he had ground. I shall say no more of this, at present. It was cold & frosty last night & cloudy this morning. I fancied that I felt snow in my bones, for the air was quite chilly, but after a while this sort of weather was succeeded by an agreeable temperature that last'd thro' the day- A M wind South, P M it was North-

19th

Sunday. I went to Elder Stark's meeting, return'd at night. Pleasant for the season, wind N W more frost last night. Saturday, continu'd, Ira got back from Troy, he had 10/11 bbls for wheat, by this load, I have been enabl'd to pay about half of my Merchant-debt at Troy, which amount'd to 60 dollars-

20th

Monday, I took my horse early this morning & rode over to Uncle Stephen's & got young Stephen to come & take measure of the Cyder-nuts, in order to make a new pair. When I intend to perform a considerable days-work there's always something to hinder'd, Father this morning has as many of the sheep brot' up as could be found & par'd their feet to

keep them from jumping, this took him & the Boys a great part of the forenoon. Now had they been doing what want'd doing most, they would have gather'd apples in Clark's Orchard for we had intend'd to have clear'd it today, but instead of that we have left a number of bhls there yet, Jonas work'd for me today, he sent Ira off with Cart & Oxen to draw home stalks, P M 1 load from Cush'm-Pleasant day wind N W +

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Tuesday I work'd for Jonas had Mr Thomas & his son, Mr Gates, Ira & Hiram, we had to work till after sun-down to get Col'n David's Young Orchard clear of apples, we kept two waggons going the whole time, how many waggons load there were I know not. A cold frosty morning, but a warm fair day, wind N W --

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Wednesday This day, I'm about going to Stockbridge, or at least part of the way & shall leave this Journal to be continu'd by my son, Benj'm Harwood, Oct 22d 1806- My Father & Mother sat out for Stockbridge about 11 A M, before they went away they gave me instructions how to manage some affairs while they are absent, and these I shall endeavor to follow, (them), this day Clark's orchard was clear'd, Myself Mr Gates & Grandfather did this, Grand father gave his assistance P M, there were 2 loads & a few bhls over of these apples. Not to mention particulars it will suffice to say that Ypung Stephen set up a New pair of Cyder-nuts, with much labor & anxiety & after the hors's had mov'd round with it a little while-had ground a few bhls of apples, the nuts broke, & e split off, the timber is Yellow birch. They spik'd the piece on again, went round a few times, broke out another piece, so that they are now totally useless. Uncle Jonas thinks he has bad luck, I think so too, for he has now at the mill little less than 1000 bushels of apples, to grind within 3 weeks; if he can do it so soon.- A pretty chilly morning, temperate day, hazy wind South-

23d

Thursday. I this day enter my 19th year. Mr Gates came over with more spikes, spik'd on the piece that broke out last, Uncle Jonas, shav'd the edges of all the teeth & then went to grinding

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but it was soon found that more spikes must be had or the mill must go to ruin, so Mr Gates made 6 new ones, & drove them in, this answer'd the purpose, there are no less than 10 spikes in the sheep-nut. Ira had to ride all the A M to get somebody to come & make a new pair of nuts, he at length got Mr Wood to promise, that he would come on to morrow morning- This A M I work'd some with Mr Gates, gathering apples & some of the time about the Cydermill. P M I help'd Ira grind a cheese belonging to Col'n Fay. Uncle Jonas & Grandfather, went & found timber for the New nuts. Haswell's folks came after their winter apples, they had 13 bhls.- It was fair, till a little before night it then began to haze up, I do not certainly know in what direction the wind was, but I tho't it was southardly at night.--

25th

Friday Grandfather-Jonas & Ira, start'd off pretty early this morning & bro't home the timber for the Cyder-mill * between 9 & 10 O'clock A M, Mr Isaac Wood & his brother Barnabas came on with their tools, & went to work, they have got one nut almost turn'd, the sweep-nut is only block'd out. Uncle Jonas has laid up a small Cheese out of Col'n Davis's Apples. Grandfather assisted him. Ira drew one or two loads of wood in to tanbrook, in the P M went over to Cushman's & got a load of stalks for Uncle Jonas. Now what I have done, shall be mention'd, in the A M went to mill with some corn, they were just taking up their mill to pack, so I didn't get my grinding, P M help'd Mr Wood turn till

* Nuts only

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sun an hour high, what I did after that was of little consequence except going up to Sage's store for-- Jonas with a load of 4 bhls of Cyder, in the evening.- This job I hated to do, but I tho't it my duty seeing the man in such a bad situation, I had some bad luck with it, -one of the barrels leak'd considerably, but I said nothing about it at the store, for they found the casks- I went to Col'n Robinson's & got some empty bbls- was glad to get home by the fireside- Cold nights & morning we have at this season- a few clouds were seen in the S, otherwise it was fair & pleasant, wind S W .-

25th

Saturday Ira was sent to town with a load of Cyder, while he was absent Uncle Jonas & I unloaded a load of stalks. When Ira came home, he & I had to help Grand'f pare the feet of a dozen sheep, this was cruel work for the poor creatures, every one must have his feet par'd till the blood come & had to suffer the disgrace of being call'd "and old-roque " or some other bad name. Ira drew a load of wood for his father's door, in the evening he went to town with the Cart & Oxen (with) carrying 2 vvls Cider & was to have bro't home empty casks, but he got none, sun an hour high. Uncle Jonas & I began to (get) grind Apples (after spiking the nut a little more) this business was kept up till 9 in the evening we left a cistern full of pumice to be laid on in the morning- The day has been verry fine wind South, air mild & some smokey, the evening was much warmer than it has been at that season, for a fortnight before, the moon gave a bright light so that it was verry pleasant. I ought to mention that a consider part of the day the wind has been N W, but at night it was South

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Sunday I assisted Uncle Jonas about putting on the remainder of that pumice which he ground last night, he got his cheese under the blocks, about 8 in the A M, Ira drove the waggon for the women to go to Church, bro't them home at night, he didn't attend meeting himself, but bro't the waggon home & tarried till meeting was out, it was warm & pleasant, some smokey, in the middel of the day- wind N but toward night it was S. frost was small last night.-

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Monday Mr Wood & his brother came on again to work up on the New nuts, one of them is finish'd, they purpose to set them up tomorrow, I help'd about turning till sometime P M I then went to the Cyder-mill to work, but it was not long before one of the nuts * gave away where it had been spik'd, so we quit the business, however a small Cheese has been put on today with them. Uncle Jonas & Ira have been verry busy about the Cyder business, things go on in rather a hurly-burly manner, but I hope things will have a different face to them when my Father comes home.- It has been hazy & warm, wind S, good weather for farmers. Last night warm-

28th

Tuesday I shall not attempt to give any particulars concerning this day. Mr Wood & his brother have been verry dilligent as well as Uncle Jonas, but the Cyder-mill is not yet ready to run, it is likely they would have finish'd it, if they had not been hinder'd by having a Cistern to set up one

* Timber is white oak

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that had been prepar'd by Mr Hill for Capt Norton, of whom it was borrow'd, this is not finish'd.- I have not done much today, notwithstanding the hurry of the times. I pick'd up a few bushels of apples & help'd screw some, at night I went up to Gates's to get a band made to go on the lower end of the sweep-nut, I hope I shall do more another day.- About 2 P M, my Father & Mother arriv'd here, from Stockbridge, last night they staid in Williamstown, they are well & found all well at Stockbridge-didn't see Mr Epm Taylor, he being on a journey to Springfield. Father gather'd apples this P M. Wind has blown up warm from the South, cloudy, likely for rain.-

Here ends my Journal, Hiram Harwood, Bennington, Oct 28, 1806

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Wednesday I gather'd apples in the A M P M I was here & there-went to town found market for a few bbls of Cider. I went down to the Grist-mill, from thence came home.- Ira & Hiram gather'd apples, one of Sellen's boys work'd with them- The 2 Mr Wood's at length finish'd their Cider-mill job, they ask 6 dolls & cents for what they have done, it is done well, & I hope it will hold thr'o this season, they have fixed a back-board, so that the Nuts shall not have that strain upon them, that they otherwise would have, were they put in, in any other fashion.-

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Jonas ground apples from the time the mill was ready (which was about 2 P M) till in the evening, he has got a vast heap of Apples to grind this season, I'm now about to have mine made up.- Last night the wind blew high from S W it swept off many leaves from the trees, this morning it was W S W, but it soon came about in to N W & blew pretty high from that quarter-was quite chilly- abated in the evening-cloudy with some clear sky.-

30th

Thursday I repair'd my windows, put in wood where glass was wanting, just at night I drew a load of wood for Waters- Ira & Hiram thresh'd Rye- This evening Ira I settled our

accounts, I owe him 81 Dollars & few cents over.- A snowy day, ground is white, perhaps the snow may be an inch in depth, some chilly, air still wind W-

31st

Friday I went to town on business, was absent till 2 in the P M, during the interval, Ira & Hiram drew a couple of loads of wood, took off a cheese for Jonas &c- After I came home we gather'd apples- The air has been chilly, the snow soon left the low lands, but still remains on the mountains. It has been much cloudy, in the morning the wind seem'd to be South, but toward night it blew up briskly from N W-fore part of the evening it was stormy.-Most of the leaves are off, except Oak & a few others, none are green unless on plumb, peach or appletree-verry few of them on the one nam'd last.-

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Saturday. I finish'd gathering apples, Jonas has assisted some about it, Ira was gone till near night, waggoning Ore, he pick'd up a few apples after he came home- Well I'm glad that I have ended this job, for it was a continual dread to me untill the moment it was finish'd- Thank fortune I've not had a great deal of this sort of work of my own to do, this year, tho' I have done considerable of it for Jonas. (see Oct) Clouds verry thick, smokey, air chilly, wind W or N W- Vegetation has almost ceas'd-

Mr

2

Sunday. Attended worship. Mr Marsh preach'd A M & Marshal in the P M.- Marri'd this evening at my Father's house, Mr Joseph Northrop to Miss Lucinda Whipple.- The wife of Mr Wheeler Branch was inter'd this day- Cloudy & chilly wind S W. Not verry cold last night.-

3d

Monday This morning Ira was sent off with a load of Cyder to the still, when this was over, Hiram & I got up a span of hors's & went to threshing, not being much excercis'd in this mode of threshing, and having some other things to see to, I have not forward'd this business so much as I should have done, had it not been for these difficulties. however Hiram & I got one flooring thresh'd off. * Just at night (after Ira had drawn one load of wood) Ira Hiram went out & gather'd a few Butternuts- Fore part of the day cloudy, but the P M was quite pleasant, chilly air, wind N W-

* 180 shieves

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Tuesday Two floorings of wheat have been thresh'd, so that what we thresh'd yesterday & today makes 36 shocks. Part of my Garden sauce has been dug & buri'd. I suppose I must be particular enough to say that (that) Ira pull'd all the Beets & few Carrots, & buried them in a hole which he had prepar'd for that purpose. so they'r safe enough. My Beets turn'd out pretty well this season as did Cabbage & Onions, but the Carrots & parsnips are quite ordinary- I fix'd the floor for winnowing- was pretty tir'd- A large frost last night, hazy this morning air chilly- P M pretty pleasant flying clouds wind South.

5th

Wednesday Jonas & I this A M made out to get 2 Hogsheads of Cider in to Mr Street's Bark-house, the Cider belongs to me-I borrow'd Capt Norton's Fanning-mill in order to clean (to) my wheat, but after I had run this about 5 or 6 bbls, I put it by for a better way, ie, I winnow'd the rest of it, there are 22 bbls of it-now ready loaded for Troy.- Ira & Hiram this P M busi'd themselves over a parcel of the meanest turnips that ever I rasi'd, they're all pull'd & top'd & not quite a bhl & a half of them all (Garden) Temperate-smokey-wind N W Spath at eve-

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6. 7.

Thursday-Friday I went down to Troy with a load of wheat (24) bushels). At Troy I paid up a merchant debt (see p 62d 4 line of 19th day) bought a number of articles necessary for every good housekeeper: viz Salt, Sugar, Tea, Peper, Spice, Ginger, &c. I also purchas'd a large quarto Bible (5 D), & Morse Eastern & Western Gazeteers, (6 D), so that I now owe at Troy about 28 dollars, payable next spring, having bro't the foremention'd articles upon credit.- Nothing uncommon happen'd to me upon the road, had some bad weather today, but not to injure anything-Waggoning was good.- Had 11/0 York bushel wht.- I'm inform'd that, or

Thursday Ira went with the Cart & Oxen, with load of 6 bbls of Cyder to the still, the day was far spent, when he got home, - Hiram assisted his Uncle Jonas making Cider, this was the principal business of the day- Wind was stiff in the South, Cloudy-air mild- On * this day Hiram says that he help'd his Uncle Jonas get two loads of wood one for himself & another for Adam, he says while they were so employ'd Ira went to town on business for Jonas, return'd- ground & Cistern full of pumice, by this time, Jonas was ready to assist & do the principal part at laying up a Cheese, when they had finish'd this job, their days work end'd.- A M verry cloudy, P M rainy, wind high in South.- rain'd hard in the evening.

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8th

Saturday Ira went down to the still, carri'd 3 1/2 bbls Cyder & about 10 bushels of corn, (which my Father thresh'd out yesterday) to the mill, he got back about noon.- Not much done today- A M it was cloudy & windy P M pretty rainy, wind seem'd be West, air chilly- Few or no green leaves are seen upon the trees Oaks & young Beaches still retain their dry leaves, otherwise the forrest is naked. (except evergreens).

9th

Sunday Not verry well, so that I did not attend public worship The air was pretty still, till toward night, the wind then began to blow up strong from N W, the day has been very cloudy, the evening was stormy & tedious.-

10th

Monday Hiram & I drew 2 loads of wood (&-aft)-after that help'd my Father secure some Garden sauce. I bro't a load of wheat-straw of Mr Thomas for a dollar, with this straw we have cover'd our Apples-Jonas & Ira laid up a large cheese of our Apples today, tho' it was verry cold- This day has been cold & windy from N W the cold increas'd toward night began to freeze, we expect a frosty night, Verry cloudy.

11th

Tuesday We took up our Flax, My Father work'd verry hard at this business, for in the A M neither of the Boys were with us, Hiram was sent down to Hinsdale's, Ira went a

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to the still, about 1 P M they came into the field, we finish'd getting up the flax about sundown, it is now in the Barn, 188 bundles.- The ground was frozen pretty hard where it was previously wet or muddy, the night was cold, & so it was this morning-A chilly breeze came from N W - was pretty clear till middle P M, the clouds then began to rise in the S W & were soon spread over the whole horizon-evening air was still & not so cold as in the day time.-

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Tuesday * Little was done in A M-only one load of manure was drawn out, Jonas had begun to grind apples, but all were oblig'd by the storm to retire to the house- After the rain was mostly subsided, we went out & help'd Jonas lay on a Cheese (which he had previously ground) & put it a-pressing, so ended this day- Last night the wind blew up verry high from S W but rather abated in the morning, it didn't last so long, for about 9 in the A M the wind ver ry stiff in S W blew up a verry inclement shower which lasted 2 or 3 hours, after the first shower it began to slacken & by degrees it ceas'd raining, & began to (bl) break-away & look more pleasant-calm-wind West-quite temperate.-

13th

Thursday. While Ira was busy with the Waggon (drawing

* A mistake. it is Wdsdy.-

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a load of wood) I prepar'd some wood at my door & help'd Hiram get out a load of manure, when Ira had done with the waggon, I took it into the Woods & there cut a load & drew it to A Water's door, after this I assisted Jonas about making Cyder.- 8 loads of manure were drawn on to N meadow by Ira & Hiram.- The Beef-cattle finish'd the Pump kins 2 days ago, I now feed them with Potatoes, (see page 55th, 19th line from top) The ground & fences were scum'd with ice, the air still, sun sometimes broke out warm-a prospect of good weather, this was the A M, but the P M unsteady winds-flying clouds & chilly air, made it unpleasant, in the evening the wind was South.-

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Friday. I work'd with Jonas at the Cyder-press A M was hinder'd considerably by having some sheep to single out of the flock, for Ira & Jonas to kill; Mr Tim Palmer came after his shoat, & that was another hindrance, the hog that he bo't of me weigh'd 128 lb at 0/2 1/2 per lb. P M I went to town & settl'd accounts with Samuel Robinson 2d his account vs me was 27 dollars and 73 cents, which is now finally paid. Ira took the whole A M to dress a Sheep Hiram took as much of the day to get out 2 loads of manure, P M they got out one load more, & went to Hinman's Barn & drew home a load of straw

bot of Mr Thomas, 2d load that I've had of him.- A keen morning chilly thro the whole day.- flying clouds-wind N W, snow on the tops of mountains.- In the evening took 3 bbls in to my Cellar.-

15th

Saturday. Hiram & I drew a small load of Wood-then Jonas & I took a Pipe & Hogshead of Cider down to Mrs Street's Bark-house, got in 3 bbls~~xxx~~ of Cider into my Father's cellar, & put one more into my own (cellar)- I must here observe that Jonas has so nearly finish'd making Cyder as to have only one Cheese more, the whole of mine is now made, but I've not reckon'd it up yet, so as to tell how much I have made, or how much sold.- We this day have had a tedious N E storm of coarse kind of snow, or rather hail- it became finer toward night E mountain raor'd loudly, more chilly than cold- I saw a number of poor Robins today had I not view'd them with my own eyes, I should not believe it.-

16th

Sunday. Of the whole family, I only attended public worship Mr Marsh preach'd-The first sight I beheld this morning was, the whole country around cover'd with snow (about 4 inches) in deph or depth) this oblig'd me to fodder my whole stock which is a thing I have not done before since this season commenc'd- It has kept up a kind of drizzling snow thro the day-not verry cold wind N- Saw some Sleighs.-

17th

Monday. Business was not drove a great deal, Jonas & I shod the Ox-sled, Hiram was sent down to Hinsdal's Fulling-mill, he return'd and from thence about 2 in the P M & soon after went with Ira-drew a small load of wood for Waters- This was the chief business of the day At night I stabl'd my Cows & Oxen- Saw a large flock of Wild-Geese on their way to the South- It has been verry cloudy & cold, wind strong from N W.-

18th

Tuesday. With my Oxen I've drawn 4 loads of wood, my Oxen are not shod so that they slip badly going down hill, sledding tolerable good in the woods, but poor in open land., Jonas & the boys chop'd in the woods.- The air was cold, sky hazy, wind N W during the day, but South at night. Thaw'd a little in the roads, but none in the fields.-

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Wednesday, I have drawn 4 loads of wood, Ira chop'd for me till sun an hour high he then went away over to Uncle Stephen's on his own business.- Jonas & Hiram with hors's thresh'd 180 shieves of wheat, Jonas measur'd it in the evening, found it amounted to 8 bhl 2 pk 5 qts- The preceding night was verry cold, which caus'd it freeze pretty firmly-the dipping place in the Brook was frozen over.- the day was fair, but cold, wind N W .-

20th

Thursday. I follow'd the same business, that I did yesterday-drew as many loads of Wood.- Ira & Hiram chop'd wood for me to sled.- The day has been quite mild, a

little hazy, in the South, wind seem'd to come from that quarter. It was verry cold last night, where the snow had not cover'd the ground, it was frozen pretty firmly.

21st

Friday. The chief of what I did today was, to draw 2 loads of wood, Ira went out to Wadsworth's the axe-maker & bro't home (a) 2 new axes. Hiram assisted his Uncle Jonas, about making his last Apple Cheese.- It was so moderated as to the weather that I didn't stable my Cows for they still find grass enough to fill themselves pretty well: before this snow fell, there was no frost in the ground.- Here I give a list of all the hoofs I possess-10 Cows 1-3 years old, 5, 2 years old (5-calves)- 9 Calves, 1 Yoke of Oxen, 4 grown Horses & 1 Colt, 38 Sheep.- I have made 80 Bbls of Cyder this fall & have carri'd 34 to the Still, in lieu of which I have receiv'd 51 Gallons of Brandy.- This fall I've thresh'd out 192 Bbls wheat-considerable remains yet unthresh'd.- This week I've drawn 10 loads of wood for myself & 4 for Jonas & Waters.- In the morning it was misty- it has been foggy on the Mts all day- air mild- thawy- thick low clouds.-

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22d

Saturday. My Father help'd me get 2 loads of hay into the horse-stable, P M Hiram & I brot 2 loads of straw from Hinman's Barn which makes 5 loads of that fodder which I have bought of Mr Thomas-Ira work'd Jonas & himself- Jonas has finally finish'd grinding apples this day & I think he ought to be thankful on that account.- It was a little cloudy, Air mildmthawy, wind South.-

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(Monday)- Sunday. Went to Church.- Cloudy & chilly wind South, at night it rain'd with a little snow mix'd with it.-

24th

MONDAY. I have had 6 men to work in my service, today viz Mr Thomas, Samuel Sellen, John Duncan, Elijah Fay, Jonas & Ira. We kill'd 6 Hogs & 2 Beeves- the weight of each shall be given tomorrow.- One of the Beeves caus'd considerable trouble before we could kill him, (he was a Bull-stag) he was shot twice in the head before he fell, Fay was executioner. This morning the mountains were white with snow. but I don't think that it storm'd a great deal last night, if it did, it only rain'd here. Cloudy, air temperate & calm- wind South, snow almost off from low lands.-

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Tuesday. We've drawn out 12 loads of manure, Jonas assisted in the forepart of the day, P M had Waggon & Cart, whereas in the A M had only the vart.- Here follows the weight of my pork- heaviest hog weigh'd 308, 280, 248, 138, 125, 123, total 1222 lbs of Pork, N B the 3 lightest were this years Pigs.- Ira has had 173 lbs of this Pork, which he means to transport to Hopkinton.- Each one of my 2 Beeves weigh'd thus- first the Bull-stag 559 lbs- the Cow 530 lb, Major Norton had 248 lbs, beef, Ira had 110 lbs of the same.- Adam had 115 lbs bf.- The ground was frozen hard last night. The morning was fair, but it was not so verry long for the South wind blew up many

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clouds & it was chilly-clear a little before night but was soon cloud'd again.-

26th Wednesday. Had 2 teams both of our Waggon's beside the cart to draw manure with, Myself Jonas, Ira & Hiram drew out 26 loads of manure on to the South meadow, we did not stop for dinner, but kept to work till night, at which I was verry tir'd- The wind blew from S E & increas'd in height toward the close of the day, verry cloudy, stormy on E Mt seem'd to increase the depth of snow there, our last snow here is almost gone, I never knew one stick closer, the air chilly-storm'd at eve--

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27th Thursday. I did the same kind of work as I did yesterday, the same teams & men were in my service. We cleared the South yard, I got out a few loads from the N yard, carri'd it on to the meadow adjoining thereto; all the manure south of the Barn we carri'd on to the S meadow. We've drawn 18 loads of manure today. By the looks of things this morning, I don't think it rain'd much a great deal last night.- For a while this morn'g the wind came from the E, but it soon calm'd & after some time turn'd & blew from N W, the weather has been verry mild, with scarsly any wind, sky was verry cloudy in the forepart of the day, but was hazy in the P M.-

28th Friday. Jonas & I took down the Cyder-mill, deposited the Nuts in the brook, the other parts of the mill were put under cover, - I bank both Hous's & got out 4 loads of manure, Jonas assisted considerable part of the time, Ira work'd for Jonas with Waggon & hors's- The wind in the S E- air mild, cloudy- stprmy on the E mountain, snow on every mountain, but none on low lands- I don't fodder my cattle at all.-

29th Saturday. I have carri'd out 7 loads of manure, most of it from the Horse-stable, some of it we scrap'd up elsewhere, what I carri'd out today was put upon the plow-land.- perhaps we shall have no more open weather, perhaps it will freeze tomorrow, if it shou

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ld I can do more at shoveling manure, for I have almost accomplish'd the business, on Monday I shall reckon up how many loads I have carri'd out, & how many acres of meadow, it has been carri'd on to.- Never was there (wa) a better time for people to prepare for winter & perhaps there never was a time when they were more behindhand; had that season commec'd one fortnight ago, thousands would have been sufferers by it, I mean if there hae been no open spell of weather as there has been this fall.- Wind blew up from South- verry cloudy- sprinkly in the AM warm- likely for a storm- There us'd to be a large rock at the E side of the Horse-stable verry much in our way, this we split & drew away with the Oxen in two pieces- both are plac'd at Father's door

30th Sunday. Did not attend public worship. The preceding night has been verry rainy, in the morning the clouds ran verry low & it was warm & calm, but it soon began to mist

remain'd most of the day-the wind was about W, turn'd more toward the N W as the day advanc'd- much cooler at night than in the morning-It being rather chilly & stormy at night, I stabl'd & fodder'd my Cows- now for a few days back I've neither fodder'd nor stabl'd them.- the late rains have rais'd the streams in some degree, & the roads are verry muddy.-

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1st Monday. Had business in town during the A M, P M repair'd the Barn-Y'd fence.- Ira & Hiram drew 2 loads of wood, one to Jonas the other to Mr Thomas.- Since I first began to get out manure this season I have drawn on to 3 acres of meadow-land 69 loads-have carri'd but little of it on to plow-land, perhaps 10 loads.- Flying clouds, wind N W- not verry cold, the ground was frozen a little last night.

2d Tuesday. Spent a considerable part of the A M looking a Cow & Calf, I went much farther to find them than was necessary, however they were found about 40 rods S W of the House in Col D Robinson's woods, Ira & Hiram chop'd wood at the door, while I was gone.- A little before noon we all went up to Land (taking up the Cart & Oxen) at a place which we call Little Mount Pleasant, a few rods N of her Pasture- here we spent the E M cutting away the under-brush so as to make it convenient getting down larger wood. At night Jonas & I got a load of wood at the foot of Grt Mt Pleasant, the cart was never there before, it is a bad road, but I drove my team down & injur'd nothing.- Chilly, wind N W, flying clouds, did not freeze verry firm last night.-

3d Wednesday. The Boys & I work'd on the same ground where we

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were yesterday.- today we cut down trees instead of brush, cut them sled-length- N B these 2 days work are for Jonas- he has been at work in the same place both days, he took down another load of wood tonight.- The ground is now verry stiff & hubby, the sky was verry hazy all the forepart of the day, towards night the clouds were thick & smooth, about sundown it began to snow, before that time the wind seem'd to be S, but it then appear'd to come from N E, in the evening the E Mt began to roar, so that I was certain that the wind was S E .-

4th Thursday. Appoint'd by the Gov'r as " a day of Thanks- giving & praise", I rode to church in my waggon, Mr Marsh took his text in 2d of Samuel 23d chap't 15th & 16th vers's, The preceding night has been terrible windy & stormy, the wind blew violently from the E or S E till late in the A M the roaring of the wind in the E part of the town was most tremendous, during the height of the wind it was freezing cold, but in the A M when it began to subside, it was thawy, in the P W the wind was S W- toward night it came from "W- in the evening it was high N W, P M stormy, the snow & hail which is now upon the ground is insufficient for sleigh ing being not more than 2 inches in depth.-

5th

Friday. I shall mention no particulars drew one

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load of Wood to the school-House, & 1 to my own door, Ira was busy among the lairdies, Hiram work'd some in the A M he went to town in the P M- Wind blew considerably last night from N W, was calm this morning, & finally thro' the whole day Cloudy, in the evening appear'd likely to storm.-

6th

Saturday. Most of my time was taken up in doing errands, labor'd verry little, Ira has drawn 3 loads of wood- 1 for Jonas & 2 for me- taken from Jonas's pile, Hiram help'd Ira load & chop'd some, but not a great deal- Foggy on the mount'ns clouds thick & low, temperately cold, air calm- wind N W .- The sled slips much easier for the little snow that now covers the ground.-

7th

Sunday- Went to church in a sleigh-sleighbing pretty poor.- Pretty close winter weather-cloudy-~~eighs~~ signs of a storm wind N W .-

8th

Monday. I drove my own team today & have drawn down 4 loads of wood with them, the last load was over-set in a verry bad part of the road, but Ira & I soon reloaded & so arriv'd safe home Ira has chop'd for me-he did well- This wood I got on our land, on a hill E of the Lime-kiln- Hiram shop'd up that load of wood which I drew to the school-house on Friday last.- It was rather cold this morning.

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but before night it moderated a good deal, the evening was verry chilly, flying clouds, wind N W till eve' at which time it blew up verry stiff from S W.-

9th

Tuesday. Not much done today, I was quite indispos'd in the A M. P M I was so well as to work some, Ira & Hiram threshed out the Barley with the Hors's, only cav'd it up, Dr Swift took away a live hog which he had bo't of me some time ago, it weigh'd 119 lbs. Mr Solomon Safford had 2 of the same kind yesterday, one of which weigh'd 134 lb the other 120 lb sold them all at 0/2 1/2 per lb- The wind was S W today so that it was chilly & cloudy-I expected rain

10th

Wednesday. I measur'd up the Barley, (I mean after winnowing) there are 13 bushels of it, about noon I sent Ira off with 6 bhl's of this barley down to the Maltsters- Hiram went up to the Court-House where there was an exhibition some time in the evening before he came home, this P M I had all the fire-wood to cut- Ira being gone all the P M, I help'd him fix for Troy.- It has snow'd moderately the whole day-the forepart of the day was rather mild, but toward night the wind blew pretty (blead) bleak from N W- in the evening it ceas'd snowing, but was cold.-

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- 11th Thursday. I thresh'd out the corn that remain'd in the cribb in the Barn, my Father assisted about threshing & clearing up the grain-carri'd considerable quantity of it in to the House, the whole amounted to 26 1/2 bbls, Hiram chop'd wood for the fires.- It has been verry cold ttday A steady breeze came from N W verry cloudy- Ira is gone to Troy.-
- 12th Friday. Hiram went to mill, I draw 1 load of wood to Jonas-2 loads of rails- We have this day & evening experienced a most terrible E storm its height was in the night the roaring of the wind was horrible indeed! it's vain for me to describe any farther- Ira arriv'd here from Troy late-after dark-
- 13th Saturday. I mended my house in several places-,mended the horse-stable, Ira & Hiram got 1 load of hay into the Barn & 1 into the Horse-stable- Cold-cloudy wind N W
- 14th Sunday- did not attend public worship. Cloudy & pretty cold wind N W.-
- 15 Monday. I drew 3 loads of wood from the Hill E of the Lime-kiln Ira chop'd. Hiram went to school to Mr G Van Husan at Dr. Swift's.- Fair but verry cold in mornng wind S W in the same direction at night-cold night.-
- 16th Tuesday. Ira went to Troy for Jonas, Jonas work'd in Ira's room. We cut down 4 trees & drew home 2 loads

of wood. The sledding is now pretty good for the quantity of snow, it being about 5 inches deep in the woods, in open land it has been blown about in to drifts, but notwithstanding all that, it's pretty good sleighing. The preceding night has been verry cold,- This day has been remarkably clear & pleasant- pretty good (wind) winters weather

- 17th Wednesday. Brother Jonas & Myself got home 4 loads of wood, Ira arriv'd from Troy-says its good sleighing- Fair in the forepart of the day, no clouds-but was hazy in the P M- On the 28th of last Aug'st I bought a waggon, by selling a horse belonging to Ira, this horse was valued at 45 Dollars, which I'm to pay Ira sooner or later. The waggon came to 2 1/2 Dolls more than the Horse. The man of whom I bo't the foremention'd waggon, was a Mr Hall, who said he acted as agent for a merchant in New-marlborough- Berkshire County, Mass. *
- 18th Thursday- Ira has chop'd, & I have drawn 5 loads of wood. It has been quite temperate, with a light breeze from the South sky a little hazy & some cloudy, on the whole it has been a pleasant day.- Not verry cold last night. The evening-verry foggy-signs * of a storm.-

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19th

Friday. Jonas chop'd in Ira's stead (he being absent) I've drawn the same No of loads of wood today as I did yesterday. This wood is bro't from the Sugar-place, from whence I have procur'd most of the wood which I've drawn, this week.- Warm weather for the season. the trees were white with frosts, thawy, cloudy & hazy, wind S W.- Ira's gone to Troy.-

20th

Saturday. I have not performed any wonders in my work this day, however I've done what I believe was necessary, & perhaps may in the end save me a penny.- I now own 2 Waggon, one of them, I have us'd about 6 years, (~~the-one-now spoken-of-~~) it is new, in Mrs Street's Bark-house, it was put there today, my Cart-wheels are under (~~sev~~)- cover, done today; ground our axes ready for chopping- went to Town just at night- South wind & a little rain, carri'd off about half of our little stock of snow last night. it is now verry sloppy walking in the highway- Wind W--- N W P M.--

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